

**NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH & WELL-BEING CABINET  
BOARD**

**10th May 2018**

**Report of the Head of Commissioning, Support and  
Direct Services - A. Thomas**

**Matter for Information**

**Wards Affected:**

All wards

**UPDATE ON THE COMMISSIONING STRATAGY FOR  
CARE HOMES FOR OLDER PEOPLE: NEATH PORT  
TALBOT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN 2016/2019 AND  
THE OLDER PERSONS RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES  
IN NEATH PORT TALBOT REPORT**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide Members with an update on the progress of the Commissioning Strategy for Care Homes for Older People: Neath Port Talbot Implementation Plan 2016-2019 (Appendix 1).
2. To provide Members with a report on the Care Home market in Neath Port Talbot (Appendix 2).

## **Executive Summary**

3. The Commissioning Strategy for Care Homes for Older People: Neath Port Talbot Implementation Plan 2016-2019 update sets out key achievements against the identified objectives.
4. The Older Persons Residential Care Homes in Neath Port Talbot Report provides an overview of the current market position for these services in the local area.

## **Background**

### **The Commissioning Strategy for Care Homes for Older People: Neath Port Talbot Implementation Plan 2016-2019 (the Implementation Plan)**

5. Members approved the regional Western Bay Commissioning Strategy for Care Homes for Older People (the Strategy) (Background Paper 1) and accompanying Implementation Plan on 2nd November 2017.
6. The aim of the Strategy is to set out a shared commitment from the Western Bay Health and Social Care Partnership, to ensure that there continues to be a sustainable range of high quality care home placements to meet the needs of older people within the Western Bay (WB) local authority areas.
7. Implementation plans that span the period 2016-2019 have been developed for each local authority area in partnership with Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board (ABMU HB).
8. The Implementation Plan has been developed from the Strategy and aims to describe the actions and activities that Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council (the Council) will be undertaking in response to the key objectives identified in the Strategy, namely:-
  - a. Better access to care home services most suitable to people's needs;
  - b. Increased choice for service users;

- c. Consistent high levels of quality standards for service users;
  - d. Services that offer value for money;
  - e. An effective and sustainable care home market;
  - f. Attract high quality care home providers to the Western Bay area.
9. In order to achieve these objectives, the following key strategic areas have been identified for the 10 year period of this Strategy:
- a. Build trust and strengthen partnership;
  - b. Ensure quality;
  - c. Build and communicate an accurate understanding of future demand for services;
  - d. Work together to develop and support a sustainable and motivated workforce;
  - e. Build a fair and sustainable care home market supported by reasonable fee levels;
  - f. Ensure care homes fit within and are supported by a well organised local health and social care system.
10. Areas of The Implementation Plan will be delivered by those responsible leads named in the Plan, with monitoring of the Implementation Plan undertaken by the Western Bay Care Home Sub group as part of the standard agenda item. The Implementation Plan will be reviewed with the Cabinet Member for Social Care, Health & Well-being on an annual basis.

### **The Older Persons Residential Care Homes in Neath Port Talbot Report**

11. There are currently 23 care homes in the Neath Port Talbot area, with a total of 983 beds, including 14 private dual registered homes, five private residential homes and four homes managed by Pobl/Gwalia.

12. Evidence shows that people wish to remain within their own homes and communities for as long as possible. In response to changing expectations, needs and demands, the Council has proactively worked with partners, including ABMU HB, the third sector, local community resources and private providers to implement a range of responses that supports people to regain or maintain optimum levels of independence within their own homes and communities.
13. As a result of these interventions, the demand for standard residential care has reduced. In addition, as the local older age population increases, it is anticipated that the number of people with dementia, requiring specialist complex dementia nursing support will also increase.
14. In response to the above changes in demand, there is a need for the Council to work with the market to ensure that there is sufficient care home capacity to meet future demand, in particular specialist complex dementia nursing beds.
15. The Report sets out the current position for the care home market in Neath Port Talbot and the types of provision we will need to meet future demands.

### **Financial Impact**

16. In Neath Port Talbot the budget for older people's services in 2018/19 includes £13,268,930 for residential care.
17. The Councils Adult Social Care budget is set in line with the Forward Financial Plan (FFP). The Directorate strives to manage the cost of residential care within the overall budget for Adult Social Care and will ensure that the financial implications of the Strategy and Implementation Plan will be managed within the overall context of the FFP.

### **Equality Impact Assessment**

18. There are no equality impacts associated with this report.

### **Workforce Impacts**

19. There are no workforce impacts associated with this report.

## **Legal Impacts**

20. There are no legal impacts associated with this report.

## **Risk Management**

21. There are no additional risks associated this report.

## **Consultation**

22. There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

## **Recommendations**

23. It is recommended that Members note The Commissioning Strategy for Care Homes for Older People: Neath Port Talbot Implementation Plan 2016-2019 update and the Older Persons Residential Care Homes in Neath Port Talbot Report.

## **Appendices**

24. Appendix 1 – Commissioning Strategy for Care Homes for Older People: Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council Implementation Plan 2016/2019 Update.
25. Appendix 2 - Older Persons Residential Care Homes in Neath Port Talbot Report

## **List of Background Papers**

26. Cabinet Report - Western Bay Commissioning Strategy for Care Homes for Older People, 2nd November 2017:

<http://moderngov.neath-porttalbot.gov.uk/documents/s33263/NEATH%20PORT%20TALBOT%20COUNTY%20BOROUGH%20COUNCIL%20CAB%20REP%20DRAFT%20NOV%20final.pdf>

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