

Report of the Director of Adults, Children & Education

The Local Account for Adult Social Care 2011

Summary

1. This report introduces the Local Account for Adult Social Care 2011. Members are asked to:
 - a. comment on the content of the Local Account ahead of its approval by the Cabinet Member for Health, Housing and Adult Social Services at her meeting on 20 December 2011
 - b. note the performance and improvements described in the Local Account for 2010/2011 information
 - c. note the areas for development and improvement for the coming year

Background

2. As of 2011/12, the Care Quality Commission (CQC) has stopped its regulatory assessment of councils and resultant Annual Performance Assessment, with councils moving instead to a more sector-led assessment process.
3. The Department of Health Document, *Transparency in outcomes: a framework for adult social care* establishes the concept of a Local Account created by councils to describe quality and outcomes in adult social care.
4. The Promoting Excellence in Councils' Adults Social Care Programme Board, which is made up of representatives from ADASS, Local Government Group, CQC and the Department of Health requested that all councils consider producing a local account during 2011/12 by December 2011.

5. While the content and format of the Local Account is not defined, the account has to be comprehensive and contain enough detail so that service users and members of the public see the evidence and data underpinning the analysis where they wish. It also aims to be accessible to allow service users, carers and the wider public to comment on our plans and priorities.
6. In York we propose that the Local Account for 2011 will be made available through the council website in this comprehensive version, with printed copies being made available on request. There will also be an Easy Read version, and a shorter summary, both available online to promote accessibility.

Council Plan 2011-2015

7. The content of the Local Account has direct contribution to within the priority of Protecting Vulnerable People as described in the council plan for 2011-15. Within that priority it specifically supports and evidences local action around:
 - improving care facilities to support people with specialist needs
 - investment in services to support people in the community, including telecare and reablement provision
 - safeguarding adults and promoting independence through individual budgets.

Implications

Equalities

8. The Local Account has to be accessible and as such advice and guidance in the production of an Easy read version of the document will be sought through Equality Officers.

Other

9. There are no implications relating to financial, HR, ICT, crime and disorder, property or legal issues arising from this report.

Recommendations

10. Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to:
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Annexes

Annex 1 - Local Account City of York Council 2011

Annex 2 - Local Account Graphs & Analysis 2011