

Adult Social Care Reforms and Warwickshire County Council's Approach

Update to Health and Wellbeing Board

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Adult Social Care Government Policy Reforms

- Market Sustainability and Fair Cost of Care Fund
- People at the Heart of Care: adult social care reform (CQC Oversight)
- Build Back Better: Our Plan for Health and Social Care (Care Cap)
- Health and social care integration: joining up care for people, places and populations (02/2022)

General Points

- High level 'indications' with detail emerging
- Multiple aspirations being articulated amongst requirements
- A landscape which doesn't keep to timescales (e.g. LPS, Care Act (2014))
- Lots of National, Regional and Local 'views'
- Section 18(3) the Care Act, Duty to meet needs for care and support, a significant risk
- Questions if the pace of delivery is realistic

Overarching Approach

- Strategic Director Lead: Nigel Minns
- Programme Manager: Mike Cooke-Jones
- Assistant Directors
 - Andy Felton – Care Cap
 - Becky Hale – Fair Cost of Care
 - Pete Sidgwick – CQC Oversight
- Cross cutting conversations, internal & external

Cost of Care Cap (Build Back Better)

- Lead: Andy Felton (Assistant Director Finance)
- Key Dates: Upper tier LAs Record Care Contributions from October 2023
- Key Deliverables: Defined new processes and systems, integrated with existing arrangements and appropriately resourced
- Key Challenges & Risks: Timescales generally, understand the volume of demand, recruiting additional staff with the right skills, unclear if all the costs will be covered, communication strategy
- Progress & Thinking: Available guidance has been reviewed, IT changes are key so early engagement progressing, financial modelling progressing to understand impact and required capacity and capability, operational impacts being considered

Fair Cost of Care (Market Sustainability)

- Lead: Becky Hale
- Key Dates: October 2022 (draft) February 2023 (final)
- Key Deliverables: Delivery of fair cost of care exercise and development of draft market sustainability plan
- Key Challenges & Risks: Extremely tight timescales, financial impact related to the outcome, impact on fee rates and impact on the MTFS
- Progress: Joint approach working with Coventry (and the region); national tools used; extensive market engagement; independent analysis of submissions for home care and care homes; continued work on draft market sustainability plan

CQC Oversight (People at the Heart of Care)

- Lead: Pete Sidgwick
- Key Dates: Establish CQC framework by spring 2022 and in shadow form from April 2023
- Key Deliverables: Local delivery of Care Act 2014 (part 1)
- Key Challenges & Risks: Understanding what / how delivery of the CA will be measured, national benchmarking, financial investment required.
- Progress & Thinking: We're working closely with CQC in enabling them to develop their thinking / framework. Where considering the potential areas of 'vulnerability' and good practice.

Programme arrangements

- Lead: Mike Cooke-Jones (Programme Manager)
- Key Dates/Deliverables: Two-year programme in place for 2022 to 2024. Focussing on delivering three key workstreams: Fair Cost of Care; Care Cap; CQC inspection.
- Key Challenges & Risks: Not all required detail is available; timescales out of our control; lots of National, Regional and Local 'views' and competing priorities influencing approach; availability of the right resources; system capability; funding arrangements understood.
- Progress & Thinking: Scoping and funding arrangements understood; progressing understanding and agreeing priorities, projects, dependencies, constraints, outcomes, resourcing, delivery timeline and governance.