

Summary Sheet

Council Report

Health Select Commission – 19 July 2018

Title

Scrutiny Workshop: Adult Residential and Nursing Care Homes

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?

No

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report

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Ward(s) Affected

All

Executive Summary

This report sets out the main findings and recommendations from the scrutiny workshop undertaken by the Health Select Commission to consider residential and nursing care home for adults aged over 65.

Recommendations

That the Health Select Commission:

- 1 Consider the findings of the workshop as presented in the report in Appendix 1.
- 2 Determine any further recommendations they wish to make.
- 3 Agree to forward the final report to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board for their consideration.

List of Appendices Included

Appendix 1 – Report of Scrutiny workshop: Adult Residential and Nursing Care Homes

Background Papers

As listed in Appendix 1.

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel
Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

Council Approval Required
No

Exempt from the Press and Public
No

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1. Recommendations

That the Health Select Commission:

- 1.1 Consider the findings of the workshop as presented in the report in Appendix 1.
- 1.2 Determine any further recommendations they wish to make.
- 1.3 Agree to forward this report to Overview and Scrutiny Management Board for their consideration.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Health Select Commission agreed to schedule a scrutiny workshop on residential and nursing care home provision for older people in their 2017-18 work to consider progress in bringing about improvements to safety, quality and effectiveness in the sector.
- 2.2 It was also an opportunity to explore the impact of the Care Home Support Service, as the care home sector is one of the transformation initiatives under the Rotherham Integrated Health and Social Care Place Plan, a significant part of the Commission's work programme.

3. Key Issues

- 3.1 Several key themes have been identified by partners to focus on to drive improvements across the care home sector through the auspices of the Quality Board established in September. These are:
 - governance and leadership
 - addressing the turnover of Registered Managers
 - workforce development
- 3.2 Sharing information and intelligence between partner agencies, including the Care Quality Commission, is well established when there are concerns about an individual provider. Contract monitoring processes are also in place based around a risk matrix toolkit that collates data about each provider.
- 3.3 The Care Home Support Service and Clinical Quality Advisor are working to raise standards through support and training and instigating improvements to operational care issues. They are also involved in supporting the care of specific cohorts of care home residents, especially ones most at risk of hospital admission or readmission, to try and reduce the need for secondary care services.

4. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 4.1 Health Select Commission are asked to consider the review findings and to determine any additional recommendations they wish to make before the final report is presented at the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.

5. Consultation

5.1 Not applicable.

6. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

6.1 The response from Cabinet and Commissioners to the review recommendations will be reported back to the Health Select Commission in the autumn.

7. Financial and Procurement Implications

7.1 Any financial and procurement implications will be considered by Cabinet and Commissioners in their response to the recommendations.

8. Legal Implications

8.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

9. Human Resources Implications

9.1 None arising directly from this report.

10. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

10.1 The focus of the review was on older people in residential and nursing care homes.

11. Equalities and Human Rights Implications

11.1 Scrutiny focuses on improving services and support, ensuring the needs of groups sharing an equality protected characteristic, such as age and disability, are taken into account.

12. Implications for Partners and Other Directorates

12.1 Rotherham Clinical Commissioning Group are involved in commissioning services and the Care Home Support Service are based at Rotherham Hospital.

13. Risks and Mitigation

13.1 Safe, quality care for older people living in residential or nursing care homes is vital. The work of partners through commissioning and contract management, the Quality Board and the Care Home Support Service contributes to improving standards.

14. Accountable Officer(s)

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