

## Summary Sheet

### Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting

Council Meeting – 22 May 2019

### Report Title

Response to Overview and Scrutiny Recommendations – Adult Residential and Nursing Care Homes

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

No, but it has been included on the Forward Plan

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### Ward(s) Affected

Borough-Wide

### Report Summary

This report sets out the response to the recommendations from the scrutiny workshop undertaken in April 2018 by the Health Select Commission to consider residential and nursing care home for adults aged over 65. The purpose of the workshop was to consider progress in bringing about improvements to safety, quality and effectiveness in the sector.

Under the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure rules, the Cabinet is required to respond to any recommendations made by scrutiny and this report is submitted to meet that requirement.

### Recommendation

1. That the Cabinet response to the recommendations of the Scrutiny Workshop: Adult Residential and Nursing Care Homes, as set out in Appendix A, be noted.

**List of Appendices Included**

Appendix A Response to Recommendations

**Background Papers**

None

**Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel**

Cabinet – 15 April 2019

**Council Approval Required**

No

**Exempt from the Press and Public**

No

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### **1. Background**

- 1.1 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 programme to consider progress in bringing about improvements to safety, quality and effectiveness in the sector.
- 1.2 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 Select Commission's work programme.

### **2. Key Issues**

- 2.1 In light of their findings following the workshop, the Health Select Commission made the following four recommendations:

(1) That briefings should be provided for Ward Members on issues relating to any care home in their ward at an early stage.

(2) That Council officers liaise with the Care Quality Commission regularly around Registered Managers in care homes to identify potential concerns.

(3) That all care homes be encouraged to work with the Care Home Support Service and Clinical Quality Advisor to raise standards.

(4) That care home staff be encouraged to attend organised training sessions and that the take up and the impact of training be monitored.

### **3. Options considered and recommended proposal**

- 3.1 The recommendations from the Health Select Commission scrutiny workshop have been accepted by the Cabinet and the actions outlined in Appendix A will be implemented as part of the on-going requirements for the service.

### **4. Consultation on proposal**

- 4.1 There is no requirement for consultation with regard to this activity.

### **5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision**

- 5.1 The response from Council to the review recommendations will be reported back to the Health Select Commission on 13 June 2019.

### **6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications**

- 6.1 There are no direct financial or procurement implications arising from this report.

### **7. Legal Advice and Implications**

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

## **8. Human Resources Advice and Implications**

8.1 Officer time is needed to implement the actions, but there are no further implications arising from this report.

## **9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults**

9.1 The focus of the review was on older people in residential and nursing care homes and there are therefore no implications for Children and Young People.

## **10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications**

10.1 There are no direct equalities or human rights implications arising from this report.

## **11. Implications for Partners**

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

11.2 Positive partnership working is the key to raising quality in the sector with a need to involve providers as well as other agencies to gain commitment and buy-in.

## **12. Risks and Mitigation**

12.1 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

## **13. Accountable Officer(s)**

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