

Cabinet Meeting on Wednesday 13 December 2023

Older People Adult Social Care Commissioning Strategy 2024-2029

Councillor Julia Jessel, Cabinet Member for Health and Care said,



"We want to ensure that older people in our county are able to live healthy and well, and maintain their independence for as long as they can.

"Our new Older People Adult Social Care Commissioning Strategy, which has been produced with local organisations, older people and their carers, aims to help everyone live independently at home for as long as possible.

"It will also ensure that as and when they do require support, they are able to access the best support available to meet their needs."

Report Summary:

Staffordshire County Council have developed a new Older People Adult Social Care Commissioning Strategy, which has been co-produced, and takes into account what people have told us. This includes the public, our partners, health professionals, local organisations and older people and their carers. Cabinet is asked to consider and approve the proposed Older People Adult Social Care Commissioning Strategy 2024-2029.

Recommendations

I recommend that Cabinet:

- a. Approve the proposed Older People Adult Social Care Commissioning Strategy 2024-29.

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Recommendations of the Cabinet Member for Health and Care

I recommend that Cabinet:

- a. Approve the proposed Older People Adult Social Care Commissioning Strategy 2024-29.

Local Member Interest:

N/A

Report of the Director for Health and Care

Reasons for Recommendations:

1. Staffordshire County Council Council's vision is that Staffordshire is an ambitious, innovative and sustainable county, where everyone has the opportunity to prosper, be healthy and happy – including people with adult social care needs.
2. Healthy ageing, including promoting well-being and enabling independence for older people, is one of the priorities of Staffordshire's Health and Well-being Strategy and the Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Integrated Care Partnership Strategy.
3. We have developed a new Older People Adult Social Care Commissioning Strategy that will promote well-being and independence for older people in Staffordshire and help them live at home for as long as possible. It will also help ensure that they know how to access support and that if they need adult social care there are good quality services available when they need them and at a cost we can all afford.
4. The Strategy has been co-produced with Integrated Care System partners, providers, health and social care professionals, and older people and their carers.
5. The Strategy sets out four main priorities and outcomes:
 - a. Priority 1: Prevention. Outcome: to support older people who don't require adult social care to live independently at home.

- b. Priority 2: Quality care. Outcome: to ensure that when older people need adult social care, that there are good quality services available and at a cost we can all afford.
- c. Priority 3: Living Independently. Outcome: to support older people who require adult social care to continue living at home for as long as possible.
- d. Priority 4: Care homes. Outcome: to ensure that when older people need adult social care but can no longer stay at home, that the right support is available.

6. The objectives we will achieve include:

- a. People will have the right information and advice to be able to maintain a healthy lifestyle and remain independent for longer.
- b. Older people are able to stay connected to friends and the local community.
- c. People have the skills and technology to be able to make use of digital information and advice, and can access information in traditional ways if they choose.
- d. Improve the quality of care in Staffordshire.
- e. Older people and their carers are able to access support when they need it.
- f. People know how to access social care services when they need them.
- g. Approaches to care recognise peoples' strengths and skills.
- h. Promote innovation and use of technology to support people with care needs.
- i. Enabling choice and control for people who have care needs.
- j. Older people are able to continue to stay connected to friends and the local community, and participate in activities within care homes and the wider community.

Proposed next steps

7. The Strategy is expected to commence from April 2024. An associated action plan will be produced by end of January 2024 to support implementation of the Strategy. The Care Commissioning team will monitor delivery of the Strategy and Action Plan.

Legal Implications

8. There are no legal implications anticipated from the Strategy itself as both the Council's relevant current statutory responsibilities and potential future legislative and national policy changes have been considered in its development.

Resource and Value for Money Implications

9. There are some expected financial implications arising from the strategy with regards to proposals to develop a dementia navigation offer to enable people with dementia and their families to navigate ahead of crisis the dementia pathway and explore options. As part of the action plan proposals and costings will be prepared. This will not produce a pressure on the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy.
10. The remaining plans will be delivered within existing resources.

Climate Change Implications

11. Whilst it is not anticipated that the strategy will have significant climate change implications, an area that relates to the environment has been identified through the Community Impact Assessment. This is:
- a. Older people are able to stay connected to friends and the local community groups.

List of Background Documents/Appendices:

Appendix 1 - Older People Adult Social Care Commissioning Strategy 2024-29.

Community Impact Assessment

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