

Joint Report of: Corporate Director of Housing & Adult Social Services and Corporate Director of Public Health

Meeting of:	Date	Ward(s)
Health and Care Scrutiny	January 2019	All
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SUBJECT: Islington Adult Social Care Report and Local Account

1. Synopsis

1.1. The Local Account is an annual report for residents of Islington. The report provides information about how well we are serving the residents of Islington compared with similar London boroughs and also provides feedback from the surveys of service users and carers.

2. Recommendation

2.1. Health and Care Scrutiny Committee are asked:

- Note the contents of the Local Account.

3. Summary

3.1. Adult Social Services are facing increasing pressures with reductions in funding at a time when the numbers of frail older people are increasing and there is a high incidence of people with long-term mental health conditions, along with a population of people with physical and learning disabilities who require specialist services.

3.2. In 2017/18, to help meet these challenges we:

- Start with what people can do and build on their strengths, focusing on the things that can work to overcome barriers which are preventing them from reaching their potential and having the best possible lives they can.
- Have been providing support to carers of people receiving adult social care through the provision of direct payments, advice and information, respite care, support groups, special events and the Flexible Breaks fund service.
- Been working to reduce social isolation by broadening the number of social contacts through innovative schemes with the voluntary sector, so people are better connected to things that can engender a sense of wellbeing and greater quality of life.
- Support independent living through direct payments and self-directed support; and by supporting service users to make their own informed decisions and choices.

3.3. The rest of the Local Account report includes statistics and information relating to characteristics of people receiving services, details of adult social care finances and safeguarding.

4. Implications

4.1. Financial implications

There are no financial implications arising as a direct result of this report.

Any plans or strategies derived or agreed in relation to this report should use existing available resources and therefore not create a budget pressure for the Council.

4.2. Legal implications

The Care Act 2014 ("CA"), which came into force in April 2015 placed a duty upon local authorities under s.1 to promote the well-being of individuals within its area; this duty extends to physical, mental and emotional well-being and applies to adults with care and support, their carers, children and young carers.

Section 2 of the CA 2014 places an obligation upon the local authority to provide services, facilities or resources to prevent and/or reduce care and support needs for adults within its area.

4.3 Environment implications

There are no significant environmental implications resulting from these reports.

1.1. Resident Impact Assessment

The Council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and to advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations, between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it (section 149 Equality Act 2010). The council has a duty to have due regard to the need to remove or minimise disadvantages, take steps to meet needs, in particular steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities, and encourage people to participate in public life. The council must have due regard to the need to tackle prejudice and promote understanding.

A Resident Impact Assessment has not been completed because these are reports providing information about performance and services in 2016/17.