

**REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR ADULT SOCIAL
CARE, INTEGRATION, HUMAN RESOURCES AND CORPORATE
GOVERNANCE TO THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL
ON WEDNESDAY, 20 JANUARY 2016**

The first tranche of Vanguard money has finally been allocated to projects in each of the ten work streams resulting in a considerable increase in activity around the integration project as a whole. I have recently taken over as sponsor for the locality working element. The move towards true joint working between all agencies involved in community wellbeing focused in each of the three identified localities is fundamental to the shift in resources from acute to prevention and early intervention.

Following the adverse reporting of the state of elderly care (homes) on the Island, much work has been undertaken between the local authority, the clinical commissioning group (CCG), Healthwatch and the Independent providers to address the issues identified by the Care Quality Commission as being the main causes of adverse reporting of Island care. I am pleased to report very encouraging progress in this regard and by the shared will to effect improvement in the shortest possible time. Members may have noted that the vast majority of inspections undertaken since the publication of the report have been very favourable.

We have recently increased our capacity in adult social care to address the high level of outstanding reviews. I am assured by senior officers that we anticipate our position returning to 'normal' by June at the latest.

Following extensive consultation with providers the Dynamic Purchasing System for commissioning domiciliary care finally 'goes live' from February. We anticipate residential and nursing care following suit from April.

Members will be aware of the proposed implementation of the 'living wage' from April and the implications of this on the care sector. Given the huge burden on council resources represented by the cost of adult social care, against a backdrop of substantial reductions in grant funding, it would be remiss of me not to express my grave concerns about the council's ability to fund a fit service in the future.

I recently attended, and spoke at, an Apse event in Oxford about New Models of Care. The Island's My Life project is recognised as a trailblazing example of the potential for full integration across health and social care involving not just the local authority, the trust and the CCG, but the voluntary sector, housing associations, Independent providers and a host of other agencies who contribute towards the well-being of our citizens. In addressing the multiple problems presented by growing need and reduced funding, integration remains the 'only game in town'.

I welcome the work currently being undertaken by Scrutiny in relation to adult social care and I look forward with considerable anticipation to their proposals for improvement in the services we offer.

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