

REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND INTEGRATION TO THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY, 16 MARCH 2016

Last month's budget resulted in the potential loss of several services linked with the delivery of Adult Social Care and Community Wellbeing and much of my time since has been spent gaining a deeper understanding from all sides of how the council might best approach the redesign of some of these services in order to minimise the impact on the service users and on our own staff involved in the delivery of these services.

On a wider front, work continues apace around the My Life integration project and I am delighted to report that our new programme director, Nicola Longson, officially took over the role from the beginning of March. I very much look forward to working with Nicola in driving through the changes which will make the Island's health and social care system sustainable in the long term. I would also like, at this time, to place on record my appreciation for the superb contribution Loretta Outhwaite has made while filling this role on an interim basis.

We are currently in advanced stage discussions with the clinical commissioning group around filling senior joint commissioning roles within the system. At the same time we are actively seeking a new director of adult social services to replace Martin Elliott who departs at the end of this month. I would like to offer my thanks to Martin for his sterling work during his time with us, and to wish him well for the future.

Members may have noted from the quarterly performance review that, during this time of indecision and change, Adult Social Care has been downgraded to an amber rag rating. I fully anticipate a return to green status once we have a new settled management structure and the many changes required by the Care Act have been implemented.

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