

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET MEMBER

19 September 2019

Report of the Director of Public Health

DERBYSHIRE SAFE PLACES SCHEME

ADULT CARE

1. Purpose of the Report

To seek approval to award a grant of £15,000 (£7,500 from the Prevention Group and £7,500 from Community Safety) to MacIntyre to expand the Safe Places Scheme across Derbyshire, working with people with learning disabilities and or Autism following co-production principles.

2. Information and Analysis

The Safe Places Scheme aims to support vulnerable people with learning disabilities and or Autism and dementia, who feel unsafe or at risk of abuse by providing places of safety. It develops places of safety across Derbyshire for people with learning disabilities and or Autism to access while out and about in the community, if they should feel unwell, confused, threatened or are in trouble. Our DCC libraries are Safe Places, as are a number of shops, cafes and offices of supportive organisations. At present, we have 219 Safe Places registered.

The scheme also provides Keep Safe Cards to people with a learning disability, which tells staff at Keep Safe venues, the name and address of the cardholder, and the emergency contact details of the person they would want to be told if they were in trouble. The card also has space for the cardholder to write information about any medication they take, how they prefer to communicate and anything else they might want someone to know about them. There are currently 1,301 cards in circulation.

The Safe Places Scheme is managed by the Adult Care Prevention Team. It is supported by MacIntyre (a charity for people with learning disabilities and or Autism). MacIntyre identify, train, encourage, and support people with learning disability, who are able and willing to take part in the development and implementation of the scheme.

MacIntyre also undertakes the following activities: 'walkabouts' with people with learning disabilities and or Autism to help increase the number of safe places;

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training for staff agreeing to register as a Safe Place; secret shopper exercises with people with a learning disability for existing Safe Places; training for Keep Safe Champions.

Keep Safe Champions, deliver training to groups of people with learning disabilities and or Autism and support their peers with help and advice about hate crime and keeping safe.

Feedback from this training is very positive from both people with a learning disability, family carers and care professionals. The individuals themselves are saying they feel more confident and know where to turn to if they need additional help or support around keeping safe.

Our targets for the Keep Safe Scheme over the next 12 months are as follows:

- 30 new Safe Places
- 250 new Keeping Safe Cards issued

The grant will enable the Prevention Team to achieve the stated targets by funding the delivery of a range of activity, co-produced with people with learning disabilities and or Autism, to grow the Safe Places Scheme. It will fund the delivery of:

- 16 x Staying Safe workshops by people with learning disability for people with learning disability;
- 2 x Easy read Staying Safe Fact Sheets (reviewed and distributed);
- Training and on-going development for Keep Safe Champions (people with Learning Disability);
- 30 x Safe Place awareness raising sessions to staff in Safe Places;
- 5 x walk-a-bouts in targeted towns/villages, to raise awareness about Safe Places and encourage take-up of new Safe Places;
- 5 x mystery shopping exercises to check Safe Places are functioning as required.

The scheme is a great example of how people with learning disability are actively engaged in co-producing an initiative that benefits them.

The effectiveness of the scheme will be monitored over the 12 month grant period, including how often Safe Places are used by people with learning disability and under what circumstances. Further, at the end of period the Project Manager (Prevention Team) will continue to support and monitor Safe Places.

The Safe Places Scheme will support the reshaping of the Council's Day Care Offer for People who have a Learning Disability and/or Autism as approved by Cabinet on 6th June 2019. This significant change programme is based upon

the progression model, which is a person centred development approach for people with a learning disability and/or Autism, where support is designed to enable people to be as independent as they are able and to be more active participants within their local communities. This will include enabling people with a learning disability and/or Autism, moving away from building based care to being out and about in their communities. Safe Places is a practical support mechanism for this policy shift.

Financial Considerations

The Safe Places Scheme is to be jointly funded between Public Health and Community Safety (Commissioning, Communities and Policy Department), each contributing £7,500 to the £15,000 grant.

The Public Health contribution can be funded from the Adult Social Care and Health prevention budget and the funding from Community Safety has already been agreed.

3. Human Resources Considerations

None

4. Legal Considerations

None

6. Social Value Considerations

The Safe Places Scheme delivers social value to a protected group namely, people with learning disabilities and or Autism, and also to people in the wider community, by raising awareness about and increasing their involvement with people with learning disabilities and or Autism, through engagement with the scheme.

7. Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: Legal and Human Rights, equality of opportunity, health, environmental, transport, property and crime and disorder considerations.

8. Background Papers

- 'Outcomes from the consultation on reshaping the Council's Day Care Offer for People who have a Learning Disability and/or Autism', June 2019, DCC.

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9. Key Decision

No

10. Is it necessary to waive the call-in period?

No

12. Officer's Recommendation

That approval is given for a grant of £15,000 (£7,500 from the Prevention Group and £7,500 from Community Safety) to MacIntyre to expand the Safe Places Scheme across Derbyshire, working with people with learning disabilities and or Autism following co-production principles.

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