

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET

13 February 2020

Report of the Executive Director for Adult Social Care & Health

Prevention Group change of Elected Member Portfolio

Adult Social Care and Health

1. Purpose of the Report

To seek Cabinet approval to change lead member responsibility for the Adult Care Prevention Group and associated budget, from the Elected Member Portfolio Holder for Adult Care to the Elected Member Portfolio Holder for Health and Communities with effect from 1 April 2020.

2. Information and Analysis

On 1 July 2019, the Prevention Group of services was structurally moved from the Derbyshire County Council Adult Social Care Department into the Public Health Department, both Departments sit within the Adult Social Care and Health Directorate.

The Prevention Group of services comprises:

- Welfare Rights Service, including the Derbyshire Discretionary Fund
- Adult Care Information Service, including First Contact Scheme
- Disability Employment Service
- Prevention Service, including Time Swap, Local Area Coordination, Safe Places and 50+ Forums.

Organisationally, this change involved over 100 staff and associated budget of £4.525m. It was initiated to enable improved cross-system preventative activity and support a life course approach. An integrated approach to prevention activity fits with the Council's aspiration to embed a culture of prevention across the organisation. Further, it provides opportunities to join-up work under the Health and Wellbeing Board and as part of Joined Up Care Derbyshire (the Derbyshire NHS Sustainability and Transformation Plan).

The initial move of the Prevention Group into the Public Health Department has been successfully completed. Work to fully integrate its activities within Public Health systems, processes and culture is on-going.

Until this point, the political leadership has remained with the Portfolio Holder for Adult Care and consequently decisions about the Prevention Group have been taken via Adult Care SMT. It is now proposed that, from 1 April 2020, political responsibility for the Group and its associated budget is changed from the Portfolio Holder for Adult Care and aligned to the Portfolio Holder for Health and Communities, who has responsibility for Public Health.

3. Financial Considerations

Responsibility for the following budgets will transfer from the Portfolio Holder for Adult Care to the Portfolio Holder for Health and Communities:

- Welfare Rights Service £1.414m
 - Derbyshire Discretionary Fund £1.832m
 - Prevention £0.814m
 - Information and Employment £0.465m
- Total = £4.525m**

4. Human Resources Considerations

None

5. 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, social value, and crime and disorder considerations.

6. Background Papers

Adult Social Care and Health Senior Management Team, Report of the Director of Public Health – Prevention Team Transfer (21 May 2019).

7. Key Decision

No

8. Is it required that the Call-in period be waived in respect of the decisions being proposed within this report?

No

9. Officer's Recommendation

That Cabinet approves the change of responsibility for the Prevention Group of services and associated budget as outlined in this report, from the Elected Member Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care to the Elected Member Portfolio Holder for Health and Communities with effect from 1 April 2020.

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