

Report to: Carers Executive Board
From: Angela Dryer, Deputy Director Adult Services
Date: 23 January 2017
Subject: PCC - Adult Services

Recommendations: /Decisions required from Exec

That the Carers Executive Board notes the content of the update.

Key headlines: /Updates

Respite Offer:

Following a discussion at Carers Voice meeting where respite was raised as an issue, Carers were offered the opportunity to be visited by myself to discuss respite needs on an individual basis. A few Carers have been in contact and visits have taken place. It is recognised that for people who do not have a dementia the offer for planned respite does not exist as providers will not take advance bookings. This is less of an issue for people where there is dementia as adult social care's in-house residential care homes all have respite or emergency beds within them.

Options for a solution to this are being considered, including looking at the feasibility of commissioning a bed within a nursing home, which could be used for respite purposes. It is hoped that an options appraisal will be developed by the end of March 2017. Carers and the cared for will be involved in any final decision.

Any other carers who wish to speak to me please contact Katie Downer on 023 9264 1160 or email asc.secretaries@portsmouthcc.gov.uk to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet.

Bathing Service:

As part of the discussions regarding the respite offer, the issue of people being able to access a bath, when they are unable to do so in their own home has been raised. Discussions are underway with one of our in-house providers, with an accessible bathroom to understand whether or not this is available and what resources / costs would be involved. Again the intention is to have a decision by the end of March 2017.

Carers Survey:

As part of the national reporting required from NHS Digital, 939 surveys were sent to carers in October 2016. The outcomes from the surveys will feed into the monitoring

of the national carers strategy and will also be used to populate a number of measures in the Adult Social Care Outcomes Framework (national data set for ASC). The return rate was 55%, which is a very good return. As well as a good deal of quantitative data there were lots of direct comments from carers. An analysis of the data and comments is currently underway and once completed will be shared with the Carers Executive and carers. Those who took part have been written to and thanked for participating. The data is currently embargoed and so we are unable to share details at this stage.