

**TITLE OF REPORT:           Adult Social Care Local Account**

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**Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek the views of the Health & Wellbeing Board on the 2014/15 Adult Social Care Local Account.

**Background**

2. As a result of changes to the inspection and assessment regime for Adult Social Care, every Council in England is recommended to produce an annual report called the Local Account.
3. Councils are no longer required to produce a report for Central Government. To support local transparency, the Local Account describes the delivery of adult social care services in Gateshead between April 2014 and March 2015, and outlines priorities and plans for the future.
4. This is the fourth year that a Local Account has been produced. The third Local Account was considered by the Health and Wellbeing Board on 19 September 2014.
5. This year's draft Local Account is attached as Appendix one. It has also been considered by the Care, Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 20 October 2015. Draft copies have also been shared with Healthwatch and the voluntary sector via GVOC.
6. Following feedback from the Health and Wellbeing Board and other sources listed earlier, the Local Account will be published in November 2015. It will be made available via the Council's website and in a variety of formats to meet the communication needs of service users.

**Proposal**

7. It is proposed that the Health & Wellbeing Board consider and comment on the content of the draft Local Account.

**Recommendations**

8. The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to consider the draft Local Account and provide any comments that may improve this publication.

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