

TITLE OF REPORT: Community Led Support

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SUMMARY

This report sets out an overview of the Community Led Support approach that Integrated Adults and Social Care Services are undertaking with the National Team for Development and Inclusion (NDTi)

Purpose of Report

To demonstrate how the Community Led Support approach will help to transform the Adult Social Care pathway, integrate social care services within our communities and help the Council to meet its statutory responsibilities under the Care Act to Prevent, and Delay the need for Care and Support.

Background

1. The Care Act 2014 places a clear duty on Councils to Prevent and Delay the need for care and support. Guidance from the Department of Health and Social Care via the Chief Social Worker for Adults outlines best practice in terms of Strengths Based Assessment models in the Adult Social Care pathway.
2. Community Led Support is a Strengths Based approach developed by the National Team for Development and Inclusion (NDTi) which has been co-produced with people who use services and people who deliver services.
3. There is no specific blueprint for the approach, but as the presentation / storyboard demonstrates, each area develops its own approach based on the assets it already has in place and the gaps that need to be filled.

Current position

4. Gateshead commenced work with NDTi late in Dec 2023, and the approach is still in its infancy. Much of the work so far has centred on ensuring the right building blocks are in place to enable the work to commence.

5. The NDTi presentation provides an overview of the key elements of Community Led Support (appendix 1).
6. NDTi produced a 'getting ready' report (appendix 2) which sets out their assessment and analysis so far.
7. The story board (appendix 3) sets out the work undertaken so far

Recommendations

1. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to comment on the work undertaken in respect of Community Led Support and identify any other areas for further scrutiny.

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