

REPORT TO: Health and Wellbeing Board

Date of Meeting: 26th January 2016
Report of: Brenda Smith, Director of Adult Social Care and Independent Living
Subject/Title: The Care Act - The first 6 months

1 Report Summary

- 1.1 The Care Act 2014 was implemented on 1st April 2015 across England. This report outlines the impacts of the first 6 months of The Care Act 2014 and the changes implemented by Adult Social Care as a response to the new legislation. The request for an update on implementation and impacts of the first 6 months of The Care Act 2014 in Cheshire East Council resulted from a presentation on the closure of the Care Act Implementation project.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 To note the content of this update report.

3 Background and Options

- 3.1 The Care Act is divided into three main parts. Part One deals with the reform of adult social care and supporting legislation. Part Two seeks to improve care standards by putting people and their carers in charge of their care and support. Part Three establishes Health Education England and the Health Research Authority.
- 3.2 The underlying principle of the Care Act is for Local Authorities to promote the well being of the population and in doing so to ensure that people have access to advice and information to assist them to access the right help and to focus on prevention and early intervention services.
- 3.3 The Care Act was intended to be implemented in two phases. Phase One was implemented on 1st April 2015. Phase One implementation of the Act involves the key elements of the legislation which are detailed in Appendix 1.
- 3.4 Phase Two was to be implemented from April 2016 and includes the elements of the new legislation which governs the financial elements of care including

revised capital limits, the care cap and care accounts. This phase of the Act has been deferred by Government until April 2020.

- 3.5 The main areas which Adult Social Care departments were required to deliver through this major amendment to social care legislation are summarised at Appendix 1 along with progress and initial analysis of impact at the 6 month post implementation stage.

4 Access to Information

- 4.1 The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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