



# Northumberland County Council

Health and Well-being Board

Thursday, 14 March 2024

## Northumberland Adult Services Self-Assessment (LASAIR)

**Report of Councillor(s)** Councillor Wendy Pattison, Cabinet Member for Caring for Adults

**Responsible Officer(s):** Neil Bradley, Executive Director for Adults, Ageing & Wellbeing

### 1. **Link to Key Priorities of the Corporate Plan**

**Achieving Value for Money** – The report demonstrates how the portfolio contributes to Value for Money by securing best value in contracting and commissioning. The portfolio also ensures value for money through continuous service improvement and transformation plans.

**Tackling Inequalities** – The report demonstrates how the portfolio plays a key role in tackling inequalities by maintaining safe and equitable service provision for all adults, regardless of age, background, illness, or disability.

**Driving Economic Growth** – The report demonstrates how the portfolio contributes to driving economic growth by implementing key initiatives to support the care sector in Northumberland.

### 2. **Purpose of report**

The purpose of the report is to share the current version of the Adult Services Self-Assessment (LASAIR) document for Northumberland, which has been developed in preparation for our Local Authority CQC inspection.

The self-assessment provides an overview of how Northumberland's Adult Social Care Service meets the Care Act 2014 legislative requirements including a summary of the key strategic priority areas, strengths and risks and challenges.

### 3. **Recommendations**

The Committee is recommended to note the report and provide feedback.

#### 4. **Forward plan date and reason for urgency if applicable**

The report does not require a key decision and is not urgent.

#### 5. **Background**

- 5.1 In 2022, the Government announced that the CQC (Care Quality Commission - the independent regulator of Health and Adult Social Care in England) would be responsible for assessing local authorities' delivery of their Adult Social Care duties under Part One of the Care Act 2014.
- 5.2 The inspection process will involve some off-site data analysis by CQC followed by a traditional on-site inspection. The inspectors will want to see information and evidence in relation to nine quality statements across four key themes. The themes are: Working with People - Assessment, Care Planning and Review Processes; Providing Support; Ensuring Safety and Leadership.
- 5.3 Each Local Authority will be required to complete a self-assessment relating to the quality statements being assessed, as well as provide key performance information and strategic, and business documentation to support the self-assessment.
- 5.4 Northumberland has drafted its self-assessment statement now and is in the process of sharing it with staff, partners, stakeholders and people with lived experience to test the content and presentation of the information. We are keen to receive any comments, views and particularly any challenges on the information within the document. It is coming to the Health and Wellbeing Board now, with this purpose in mind, although some Board members may have seen it presented in other forums already.
- 5.5 There is both the full LASAIR document and an executive summary and comments are welcome on both.
- 5.6 It should be noted that the document is a live document that will be constantly updated as the information within it changes over the coming months. This will continue up to the point that Northumberland receives the notification of inspection and then it will be submitted to CQC.

#### 6. **Options open to the Council and reasons for the recommendations**

The Committee is recommended to note the content of the report and provide feedback.

#### 7. **Implications**

<b>Policy</b>	CQC are inspecting Local Authorities to ensure they are compliant with Part One of the Care Act 2014
<b>Finance and value for money</b>	There are no direct implications.
<b>Legal</b>	There are no direct implications.

<b>Procurement</b>	There are no direct implications.
<b>Human resources</b>	There are no direct implications.
<b>Property</b>	There are no direct implications.
<b>The Equalities Act: is a full impact assessment required and attached?</b>	No - no equalities issues identified Not applicable. There are no direct Equalities Act implications
<b>Risk assessment</b>	There are no direct implications.
<b>Crime and disorder</b>	There are no direct implications.
<b>Customer considerations</b>	There are no direct implications.
<b>Carbon reduction</b>	There are no direct implications.
<b>Health and wellbeing</b>	There are no direct implications.
<b>Wards</b>	(All Wards);

**8. Background papers**

Not applicable.

**9. Links to other key reports already published**

Not applicable.

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