

Health and Wellbeing Board
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Older People's Joint Management Group Briefing

This paper outlines the activity of the Older People's Joint Management Group since the last update provided to the Health and Wellbeing Board in March 2015.

1. The Group has met twice since the last update, on 24 March 2015 and 4 June 2015 and had discussions on the following issues in addition to matters arising from the previous meetings.
2. The Older People's Joint Management Group monitors activity, performance and spending from the pooled budget to meet the six priorities of **the Older People's Joint Commissioning Strategy**, which are:
 - I can take part in a range of activities and services that help me stay well and be part of a supportive community.
 - I get the care and support I need in the most appropriate way and at the right time.
 - When I am in hospital or longer term care it is because I need to be there. While I am there, I receive high quality care and am discharged home when I am ready.
 - As a carer, I am supported in my caring role.
 - Living with dementia, I and my carers receive good advice and support early on and I get the right help at the right time to live well.
 - I see health and social care services working well together.
3. Key messages in relation to the priorities and activity include
 - The Council has placed more people in care homes than the target but admissions direct from own home decreased by one third this year;
 - Spending on care at home increased due to 8% increase in the average cost of a home care package even though the number of people supported at home remained the same;
 - Early inspection results suggest that quality of care at care homes in Oxfordshire requires some improvement to meet the requirements of tougher CQC inspection regime;
 - The key areas off target remained the same:
 - High levels of delayed transfers of care, particularly relating to people needing on-going health care and reablement;
 - The number of emergency admissions to hospital;
 - The low level of people being referred to reablement from community settings - not from hospital.
 - The Joint Management Group approved the overall year end position for the Older People's and Equipment Pool with an underspend of £0.758m against a total budget of £182.099m.

4. The Group discussed the changes to **Carers' Support Plans and Financial Assistance**. The paper explained that from 1 April 2015, the council has been using a new carers assessment to assess carers (people who support and care for family, neighbours and friends) needs and the impact of caring on their wellbeing. The assessment results in a carer receiving information about local support groups, practical support such as respite care, or a payment if the carer has eligible needs. This payment will replace the carers' grants. A review of the new process and the number of carers who come forward for assessment and the support provided to them will be reported back to the Group in September 2015.
5. The Joint Management Group approved the recommendation a for a new '**dementia support service**' to replace the existing information and advice and practical support services. The new service will provide a standardised post-diagnostic support for everybody who has dementia and who are not in care homes (approximately 2,000 people) by providing a single point of contact. This will ensure person- centred and flexible support to people according to their needs.
6. The JMG agreed the changes to the measures and targets of the **Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for 2015/16** relevant to older people to be submitted to the Health and Wellbeing Board on 1 July 2015. The discussion focused on the current and proposed measures and targets for the Priority 6 and 7 of the Joint Strategy.
7. **The Older People's Partnership Board** representatives fed into the discussions and raised specific questions on dementia services, discharges from hospital late in the night, provision of equipment, workforce issues and quality of care.

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