

Health and Wellbeing Board - 22 November 2012
Frail older people: draft action plan

1. At your last meeting, there was a themed discussion on the subject of frail older people. That discussion reflected the importance of this issue for health and social care in Oxfordshire which is reflected in your agreed Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
2. One of the targets in the strategy is the publication by the end of March 2012 of a joint health and social care commissioning strategy for older people. Good progress is being made on that strategy. There was a very successful workshop of the Adults Health and Social Care Board in October which included significant input by older people and their carers. There was a further discussion at the last formal meeting of the Adults Board on 1st November. The draft strategy will be published for general consultation by the end of this month. Ultimately it will be supported by a detailed action plan.
3. That plan can not be finalised until the strategy is agreed. In the meantime it is clear that there are urgent and pressing issues that need to be resolved now. The performance report on your agenda shows that delayed transfers of care are above target, that reablement performance is below target and that the number of people going into care homes remains unacceptably high. Action needs to be taken now to address those issues.
4. Attached is a draft plan which starts to set out the work that is required before the end of March 2013. The purpose of the plan is to set out what needs to be achieved, by whom and by when so that individual organisations can be held to account in public. It focuses on specific actions and outcomes.
5. The draft plan also identifies longer term pieces of work. In due course all of this will be reflected in the action plan that supports the older people commissioning strategy so that there is a single action plan which is used to monitor performance.
6. We anticipate that there will be discussions with NHS providers, GP localities and representatives of older people and carers following this meeting.
7. Health and Wellbeing Board are recommended:
 - a) To endorse the draft plan and
 - b) Agree to wider discussion as set out above.

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