Northampton Borough Council Overview and Scrutiny



Overview and Scrutiny Committee

28 November 2016

Briefing Note: Northamptonshire County Council's (NCC) Health, Adult Care & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

1 Background

- 1.1 Councillor Brian Sargeant is Northampton Borough Council's representative to Northamptonshire County Council's (NCC) Health, Adult Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee. Councillor Rufia Ashraf is the substitute.
- 1.2 A meeting of NCC's Health, Adult Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee was held on 9 November 2016.
- 1.3 The Health, Adult Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee has the overview and scrutiny function responsibilities for scrutiny of health, adult social care and Public Health.

2 Update

- 2.1 Details of the main issues discussed at the meeting held on 9 November 2016 are detailed below:
 - An update on the Deprivation of Liberties (DOLs)
 Service

Individuals are detained under the Mental Health Act for treatment. Cases should be reviewed under the new Scheme by a First Case Tribunal but a decision has not yet been reached

All those deprived of their liberty would be eligible to safeguards to secure their protection. Comprehensive rights to advocacy. Relevant

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Person's Representative – Family or friend who maintain the contract

As Total Voice do not have sufficient resource to take the Paid Role on with its inherent responsibilities, LGSS is now needing to take 100 Welfare Applications to the Court of Appeal which would otherwise be a S21 Appeal brought by the Paid Representative. LGS has to incur this cost whereas if the S21 route could be implemented the individual is automatically non means tested Legal Aid.

 An update on the Carers' Strategy and the plans that sit below it that detail how the Strategy will be achieved

A general overview of Safeguarding in Northamptonshire

3 Conclusions

- 3.1 That the update is noted.
- 3.2 That regular updates of the work of Northamptonshire County Council's Health and Adult Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee be provided by Councillor Brian Sargeant to this Committee.
- 3.3 The next meeting of Northamptonshire County Council's Scrutiny Committee is scheduled for 1 March 2017 commencing at 10:00am and an update on this meeting will be provided to the Committee also.

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