

**REPORT TO:** Health and Wellbeing Board

**DATE:** 18 January 2023

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Executive Director, Adults

**PORTFOLIO:** Health and Wellbeing

**SUBJECT:** Adult Social Care Annual Report 2021/22

**WARD(S)** Borough-wide

**1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 To present the Adult Social Care Annual Report for 2021/22

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the report be noted.**

**3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 The Adult Social Care Annual Report is an embedded part of the reporting cycle for Halton Borough Council. Whilst it is not a mandatory requirement, it remains supported as good practice by the Associate of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS).

3.2 The local account allows us to take stock and reflect on how services have developed and delivered throughout the period, and the impact this has had on adults in the borough who have care and support needs.

3.3 The report covers the period April 2021 to March 2022. This period incorporated both responding the COVID-19 pandemic and the 're-opening' of services as restrictions were lifted.

3.4 The local account includes the following sections:

- An overview of the functions of Adult Social Care and the context in which the annual report sits.
- Development and Launch of Halton Integrated Care and Frailty Service (HICaFS).
- Publication of the long awaited Adult Social Care reform white paper People at the Heart of Care (Dec 2021).
- How social workers, day services and in house care homes responded to the lifting of pandemic restrictions.
- Key performance figures covering the period of focus, including
- Summary details of compliments and complaints received during the period.
- Details of how to contact Adult Social Care.

3.5 The report will be presented to Members via Executive Board and the Health Policy and Performance Board, and key partners via the Health and Wellbeing Board. The report will then be available to the public via the Adult Social Care Policies page on the council website's 'Council and Democracy' section.

#### 4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The Annual Report serves as a mechanism for Adult Social Care to reflect and review, as part of ongoing continuous service Improvement measures, and is way of communicating the role of social care with members of the public.

#### 5.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

5.1 None identified at this time.

#### 6.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

Whilst it is not an inevitable part of aging, dementia does most commonly affect those over the age of 65. The action plan aims to raise awareness of dementia so that council service areas may better understand the needs of people living with dementia, regardless of their age at time of diagnosis.

#### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

None.