



HOSPITAL DISCHARGE TASK AND FINISH GROUP – 14/11/2015

SUBJECT: HOSPITAL DISCHARGE TASK AND FINISH GROUP REPORT

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To summarise the work carried out by the Hospital Discharge Task and Finish Group in order to inform and develop the report, conclusions and recommendations.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Education for Life Scrutiny Committee established a Task and Finish group to examine hospital discharge arrangements and decided at its first meeting to prioritise communication and discharge planning.
- 2.2 This attached draft report (appendix 1) outlines the main findings of the review group to enable the group to draw its conclusions.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 The operation of Scrutiny is a requirement of the Local Government Act 2000.

4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 The Hospital Discharge Task and Finish Group were set up to investigate hospital discharge arrangements within the county borough. The attached report (appendix 1) outlines the main issues discussed and summarises these in order to develop the final report of the task and finish group prior to submission to Health Social Care & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee.
- 4.2 Members identified the need to scrutinise the plans in place to establish their impact on persons and carers experience, performance and expenditure. It is suggested therefore that a further meeting of the task and finish group is scheduled for April/May 2016 to review the seasonal plans and implementation of the Choice Policy to ascertain what impact they have had. This could then be reported back to scrutiny committee as part of the forward work programme.

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This report is for information only.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 This report is for information only.

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

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8. CONSULTATIONS

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9. RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 The task and finish group comments on the draft report and determines its conclusions and recommendations.

10. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 In order to develop the final report of the task and finish group.

11. STATUTORY POWER

9.1 Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000

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Consultees:

Background Papers:

Appendices:

Appendix 1 of 4: Draft Report Hospital Discharge Task and Finish Group