

Joint Area North Committee – 25th March 2009

8. South Somerset Adult Social Care – an Overview

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Purpose of the Report

John Moughton and Jon Goodwin from the Adult Social Care team will attend Committee to provide a service presentation on the work of the team.

Recommendation

Members are asked to NOTE and comment on the presentation.

Adult Social Care

Adult Social Care arrange social care services for older people, younger people with physical disabilities and people with sensory loss. They aim to support people in their own homes in the community wherever possible. Where that is no longer possible, the aim is to ensure the availability of a good quality residential or nursing home. Services are based on the principles of promoting independence and maximising choice. Most services are purchased from the independent sector, rather than being provided in-house.

Support is provided in the following areas:

- Assessment of needs
- Care planning, co-ordination and review
- Emotional and practical support
- Protection of vulnerable adults
- Care in a residential or nursing home
- Personal care at home
- Sitting Service (to provide a break for carers)
- Community meals service
- Day Services and opportunities
- Community equipment
- Adaptations to the home environment
- Support for carers

- Direct Payments
- Advice on social care, health, housing and money from Somerset Direct
- Financial assessments and benefits advice through the FAB (Financial Assessment and Benefit) Teams

This service contributes towards Somerset County Council Priorities:-

Priority 7: Personalise care services in ways that enable Somerset residents to exercise greater choice and control.

Priority 11: Improve healthy life expectancy and reduce inequalities between Somerset residents.

Priority 13: Ensure integrated and high quality services, which are located as close as possible to users.

Priority 14: Transform Somerset County Council to deliver more efficient and effective services.
