

## **REPORT BACK ON CONFERENCE/SEMINAR**

**REPORT TO:** Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board (5)

30<sup>th</sup> April, 2014

**REPORT OF:** Executive Director, People Directorate

**TITLE:** National Childrens and Adults Services Conference (NCAS)

**DATE:** 16-18 October 2013

**VENUE:** Harrogate Conference Centre

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### **1. Recommendation**

Scrutiny Board 5 is recommended to note the feedback from the conference and how this will inform the work of the People Directorate over the next year.

### **2. Background**

The National Children and Adults Services Conference (NCAS) is held on an annual basis and is an opportunity for leaders across the health and social care sector to share expertise, experiences and good practice to take back to their organisations. This was attended by Councillor Alison Gingell, Cabinet Member (Health and Adult Services), Mark Godfrey, Deputy Director, Early Intervention and Social Care and Pete Fahy, Assistant Director, Commissioning and Transformation and included presentations, workshops and keynote speeches from Ministers, politicians, users, voluntary sector organisations and children and adults social care providers.

### **3. Cost of attending**

	Costs Approved by Cabinet/Cabinet Member	Total of Actual Costs
Conference Fees	£1,350.00	£1,350.00
Accommodation	£891.00	£693.00

### **4. Benefits**

The conference provided the opportunity over a short period to gain an insight into the current health and social care agenda and national thinking regarding the major issues and future direction of children and adults social care in England.

Some of the key issues arising from the conference were as follows:-

- Taking forward the Integration Transformation Fund (now the Better Care Fund). Norman Lamb, Health Minister, paid tribute to local authorities in driving forward the integration agenda that puts people at the heart of services. He emphasised Health and Wellbeing Boards leading the development of local integration plans
- Readiness nationally and locally to fully understand and implement the requirements of the Care bill from 2015
- Implementing the Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) reforms as contained in the Children's and Families bill
- The launch of the Winterbourne View Joint Improvement Programme 'Stocktake of progress' report

## 5. Embedding the learning

Following the conference in order to progress the above key areas we have:

- Established a Care Bill Implementation Board
- Established a programme with Health partners to maximise the benefit of the Better Care Fund for people in Coventry
- Continued to progress work on implementing Special Educational Needs and Disability reforms
- Completed a self-assessment and ensuring on-going progress to improve the lives of adults with learning disabilities through working with Health colleagues and the Coventry Learning Disability Partnership Board

It is considered that the conference is the primary event for Elected Members, Directors and Assistant Directors of Social Care, and therefore an event the Council should continue to support.

List of background papers

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