

Local Account 2013/14

Health and Wellbeing Board

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Wards: All Wards

Locality Affected: All Locality Areas

Parishes Affected: All Parish Areas

1. Purpose and Reasons

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to present the draft Local Account for 2013/14 to the Health and Wellbeing Board for information. The Local Account is written for the residents of Swindon, and will be published on the Swindon Borough Council website.
- 1.2 Swindon's Local Account for 2013/14 sets out how Adult Social Care in Swindon is performing and how we are helping to improve people's lives. The Local Account will let residents know about some of the services that we provide along with our partners, and talks about how we are doing – what's going well and where we know we need to improve.
- 1.3 The Local Account states: 'This is our way of sharing our priorities with you, and also highlighting some of the challenges that we face. We must make sure that we use the resources that are available to us in the very best way possible. Protecting adults at risk is one of the most important areas of our work, and is a top priority for the Council and our partners'.
- 1.4 The production of a Local Account is not mandatory. The format, structure and content of Local Accounts are for local discretion.

2. Recommendations

The Board is recommended to:

- 2.1 Review the Local Account 2013/14 and suggest amendments prior to publication on the Council's website.

3. Detail

Swindon's Local Account 2013/14

- 3.1 The Local Account gives an overview of how adult social care performed in Swindon during 2013/14. It is set out under the following areas of focus:
 - 3.1.1 What our service users say about our services, including the views of adults with learning disabilities.
 - 3.1.2 How adult care is organised in Swindon.

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3.1.3 Adult social care budgets and the pressures on resources from increasing demand.

3.1.4 Our priorities:

- People lead more fulfilling lives by enabling personal choice and independence whilst taking personal responsibility for using their own resources where possible.
- We build the capabilities and skills of communities, service users, carers and our workforce so that people are able to live as independently as possible and we make the most of our shared resources.
- We ensure we continue to protect the most vulnerable people in Swindon.

3.1.5 We have then given a summary of performance during 2013/14.

3.1.6 We have also included a section on what happens when people are not able to make decisions for themselves, and the safeguards that are put in place to protect them.

4. Alternative Options

4.1 It is not mandatory for local authorities to produce an annual Local Account but it is regarded as good practice.

5. Implications, Diversity Impact Assessment and Risk Management

Financial and Procurement Implications

5.1 There are no direct financial or procurement implications arising from this report.

Legal and Human Rights Implications

5.2 There are no direct legal or human rights implications arising from this report. This is a review of service delivery during 2013/14.

All Other Implications (including Staff, Sustainability, Health, Rural, Crime and Disorder)

5.3 None.

Diversity Impact Assessment

5.4 A Diversity Impact Assessment has been completed for each of the One Swindon Priorities, and that can be provided for the Board if required.

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Risk Management

5.5 None.

6. Consultees

6.1 The Board Director, Resources (Section 151 Officer) and Director of Law and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) are consulted in respect of all reports.

7. Background Papers

7.1 None.

8. Appendices

8.1 Appendix 1 – Swindon Local Account 2013/14.