

**Open Report on behalf of Glen Garrod,
Executive Director of Adult Social Services**

Report to:	Adults Scrutiny Committee
Date:	07 September 2016
Subject:	Peer Review of Adult Care in Lincolnshire - Findings

Summary:

'Peer Reviews' are an established approach to assessing the performance and overall effectiveness of an Adult Care service in a given local authority. It forms one element in what is known as Sector Led Improvement. In the East Midlands Region Peer Reviews are undertaken approximately every two years in each of the ten local authorities. Adult Care in Lincolnshire last received a Peer Review in November 2013.

A Peer Review team visited between 27 and 29 June 2016 led by Steven Forbes, the Director of Adult Social Services (DASS) at Leicester City Council. The Peer Review team's report detailing their findings is attached at Appendix A.

Actions Required:

Members of the Adults Scrutiny Committee are invited to consider and comment on the attached report from the Peer Review team.

1. Background

The approach taken in England to Adult Social Services has been agreed between Ministers, the LGA and the national body for Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS). One element of this approach is a 'peer review' which involves a team of typically Assistant Directors from other councils led by a DASS, at times Peer Reviews are joined by a Portfolio Holder from the lead DASS's Council.

Typically each Peer Review lasts between three and four days and includes two areas – or 'deep dives' - for particular scrutiny. In Lincolnshire a Peer Review was last undertaken in November 2013. On this occasion Peer Reviewers were asked to consider the:

- A. "...commissioning arrangements that Adult Frailty and Long Term Conditions Division have in place to meet the needs of people with a physical disability..."

B. "To stock-take progress from the last Peer Review and Lincolnshire's response to the Care Act"(concerning adult safeguarding)

Prior to the Peer Review team's arrival a document pack is provided detailing performance, finance, policy and procedures along with all relevant material to assist the team. Once the team is in situ a calendar of meetings is provided which ensures the team meets as many interested parties as possible to ensure Peer Reviewers are afforded a broad cross-section of relevant views and insights.

In the course of their work the Peer Review team met with Cllr Bradwell as the relevant Portfolio Holder, Cllr Oxby, the Chair of Scrutiny Sub-Committee and Cllr Marfleet as the Chair of Adults Scrutiny.

At the end of the review a presentation was made by the team to all those invited to take part in the Peer Review. This is then codified into a letter from the lead DASS identifying key findings which has been shared with the Leader of the County Council and the Chief Executive along with all participants. The findings are reported today for Members of Adults Scrutiny.

Senior officers will now construct an action plan to progress those areas arising from the Peer Review recommended for further action.

2. Conclusion

The Peer Review approach and its findings provide a significant opportunity to identify – from the perspective of an independent and expert team – where the strengths of Adult Care lie and, where challenges are evident.

3. Consultation

a) Policy Proofing Actions Required

N/A

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Letter from Steven Forbes, Peer Review Team lead DASS

5. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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