

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 21 MAY 2010

Statement from: Cllr G A Marsh, Executive Councillor for Adult Social Care and Supporting People

Supported Housing

The Supporting People Team continues to make significant improvements to the delivery of housing related support services in Lincolnshire. The Team has recently received final approval from its Improvement Board that all recommendations made by the Audit Commission, following its inspection in May 2009, have been appropriately completed.

This continued improvement is a real springboard for Supporting People to help drive improvement across other key areas of service like housing and targeted prevention.

All Supporting People providers are continually assessed to ensure high quality services are accessible to vulnerable people. The assessments are based on quality, value for money, contract compliance as well as safeguarding to ensure continuous improvement of services. All local services are now A or B grade on quality scores and I congratulate them on their success.

Lincolnshire Care Awards 2010

The Lincolnshire Care Awards 2010 took place on Thursday, 20 May at The Bentley Hotel, South Hykeham, Lincoln. This event provided the opportunity to celebrate the success of individuals within Adult Social Care who have made a commitment to their own personal development, as well as acknowledge the success and hard work of employees in achieving a formal qualification. The evening also paid tribute to those individuals or teams who have demonstrated outstanding excellence and commitment within their field of work.

Swallow Lodge

At the last Council meeting I was pleased to report on the official opening of Swallow Lodge, a newly built respite centre for adults with a learning disability. At the previous meeting I was able to state that the Centre had been built to a high environmental specification. I am now able to report that, following an Environmental Health Inspection, its kitchen has received a 4* Environmental Award.

Performance Management

Robust accountability meetings with each Head of Service have taken place on a quarterly basis, which I have also attended. A key element of the meeting is to hear directly from Heads of Service on key issues affecting the service, such as efficiencies, value for money and performance targets.

It is also a time to discuss progress around the personalisation agenda – so for example at a recent Heads of Service commissioning meeting we were updated on the progress made on co-production.

The sessions are driving up quality in Adult Services while at the same time holding relevant managers to account, both for performance and finance.

Grants

We have recently received the following grants:

- £425k to improve IT systems to help in accounting for personal budgets.
- £20k to develop innovative strategies towards Extra Care Housing.
- Both of these grants are in addition to £3.364m Social Care Reform Grant which is the final year of the transformation grant which I previously notified you.