

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

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PART I **FOR COMMENT & CONSIDERATION**

SLOUGHS LOCAL ACCOUNT 2013/2014

1. **Purpose of Report**

To provide the Health Scrutiny Panel with the opportunity to review and comment on the draft Adult Social Care Local Account 2013- 2014 and priorities for 2014-15.

2. **Recommendation(s)/Proposed Action**

That the Health Scrutiny Panel comment on and approve the Local Account for wider publication.

3. **The Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy, the JSNA and the Corporate Plan**

3a. **Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy Priorities**

The Local Account for 2013/14 reports on the progress Adult Social Care during 2013/14 and reflects the priorities set out in Slough's Wellbeing Strategy:

- Health
- Economy and Skills
- Regeneration and Environment
- Housing
- Safer Communities

The Slough JSNA 2012/13 revealed that Slough has the fifth highest birth rate in England with 56.4% of all births in Slough to women whose country of origin is not the UK. The projected growth of people aged fewer than 16 in Slough, over the next five years, is 8.06% with a total predicted growth of 6.45%.

In addition and most significantly in terms of future demand on health and care services, the people aged over 85 in Slough are projected to increase by approximately 27 % over the next five years. This includes a significant ethnic population with diverse needs.

The general health of many local people is poor and many people in Slough experience more years of ill health and disability than average. The population of Slough experiences higher levels of circulatory disease, respiratory disease, tuberculosis, cancer and child health issues relative to other unitary authorities,

overall Berkshire and England averages. The average life expectancy at birth for people in Slough is 82.7 yrs which is lower than the national average of 84.6 yrs

There are high numbers of people with mental health problems and people with problems of misuse and addiction to drugs or alcohol. There are high rates of obesity and people who smoke and these are factors which impact on health and disability.

This means that social care services must be able to meet the needs of the growing number of people with complex needs. We can see that many people who use social care services also have health and housing needs and it is essential that we work in a joined up way within the council and with the NHS

4. **Other Implications**

Financial The local account includes contextual financial information for 2013-2014. Any future actions are contained within existing plans and budgets as part of the annual business and financial cycle.

Risk Management

There are no risks as a result of this report.

Human Rights Act and Other Legal Implications

There are no implications as a result of this report.

Equalities Impact Assessment

There are no implications as a result of this report.

5. **Supporting Information**

5.1 **What is the Local Account?**

The Local Account is an important aspect of our commitment to improving quality of services and transparency. The Account highlights key achievements in Adult Social Care and demonstrates progress the Council is making towards positive outcomes for local vulnerable residents who depend on health and social care services.

5.2 Local accounts are used by councils across the country to assess how well adult social care services are performing and includes information on how the money is spent, achievements over the past year and priorities for the year ahead.

This is the Council's third Local Account and is a meaningful way of reporting back to residents and service users about performance. In recent years, government policy has encouraged a trend away from reporting to central government. Instead, councils report directly to local residents via the Local Account.

5.3 The report notes a number of significant developments and achievements in the way Adult Social Care services are delivered in Slough. A new and wider range of services were commissioned to enhance the range of choice available to people requiring support and to ensure the availability of high quality services.

5.4 The Local Account also outlines the key priorities for the year ahead; a summary has been listed below:

- Continue to advance the use of telecare and telehealth,
- Increase the number of people in receipt of direct payments and promote the use of personal assistants,
- Further development of Extra Care Housing services,
- Deliver integration plans in the Better Care Fund,
- Increased collaboration with Public Health and the Clinical Commissioning Groups to delay the need for health and social care services,
- Implement all aspect of the Care Act,
- Develop a quality assurance programme to support the delivery of the Winterbourne View review.
- Improve pathways and services to address loneliness.

A full list of priorities and achievements can be found in the Local Account Appendix A

6. **Conclusion**

Slough has produced its Annual Account of adult social care for 2013/14 in line with national requirements. The local account highlights key achievements made during the past year which has resulted in delivering value for money and better services for vulnerable residents. The report also identifies a number of areas for improvement; and notes that the local authority will continue to face new challenges over the coming years. However with planned implementation of the Care Act and integration resulting from the Better Care Fund, we are confident that investment into having the right health and social care infrastructure will support us to meet the needs of our increasing older and more vulnerable population.

7. **Background Papers**

‘1’ Slough Adult Social Care Local Account 2013/14