



REPORT TO BANFF AND BUCHAN AREA COMMITTEE: 18 AUGUST 2020

AUDIT COMMITTEE DECISION - DURNHYPHE CARE HOME, PORTSOY

1 Reason for Report

The reason for this report is to advise the Committee of the outcome of the Stage 1 scrutiny referral to the Audit Committee on 21 May 2020.

2 Recommendation

The Committee is recommended to:

2.1 note the terms of the report.

3 Purpose and Decision Making Route

3.1 The Care Inspectorate conducted an unannounced inspection of Durnhythe Care Home in July 2019 and raised a number of concerns.

3.2 At its meeting on 10 September 2019 (Branch 11 refers) the Area Committee considered a report from the Chief Officer, Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership (AHSCP) which provided information on the visit and, agreed in light of its concerns, to refer this matter to the Audit Committee for consideration and to ask it to review the effectiveness of the Council's delivery of adult social work services in relation to Durnhythe Care Home.

3.3 A follow up inspection of Durnhythe Care Home, by the Care Inspectorate, took place in February 2020 and the Inspectorate found evidence of improved performance and that its recommendations were found to have been met.

4. Discussion

4.1 On receipt of the first Care Inspectorate report, Senior Management immediately convened an Improvement Group to provide support to the Care Home to develop and implement an action plan and this group continues to monitor progress.

4.2 The Audit Committee was made aware of the regular monitoring and support of progress across all aspects of the approved action plan, with the focus to remain on implementing robust self-evaluation on an ongoing basis for the Care Home.

4.3 The Audit Committee, at its meeting on 21 May 2020, considered a Stage 1 Referral report from the Lead Officer, AHSCP. It considered the actions taken by the service and the feedback report on the Care inspectorate follow up visit, and was satisfied that the Stage 1 scrutiny report provided the

Committee with sufficient assurances on the matter, and that the matter be not progressed to Stage 2 scrutiny nor referred to the Integration Joint Board Audit Committee.

- 4.4 The Audit Committee also agreed that the Banff and Buchan Area Committee receive regular update reports on progress and the first of these updates is expected in September 2020.

5 Council Priorities, Implications and Risk

- 5.1 It is an Aberdeenshire Council priority to “support the delivery of the Health and Social Care Strategic Plan”. The sustainability of residential care is critical to delivering on the identified outcomes.

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Council Priority 1 - Our People (Education, and Health & Wellbeing)
Council Priority 3 - Our Economy (Economy & Enterprise, and Estate Modernisation)

- 5.2 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply if the recommendations are agreed.

Subject	Yes	No	N/A
Financial		x	
Staffing		x	
Equalities	x		
Fairer Scotland Duty			x
Town Centre First			x
Sustainability			x
Children and Young People’s Rights and Wellbeing			x

- 5.3 Although the residents of Durnhythe Care Home have protected characteristics, an equality impact assessment is not required in respect of this report as the Committee is only being asked to note the subject matter of the report and is not making a substantive decision. There are no adverse impacts on people with protected characteristics and equalities will be taken into account by the Service in the improvement work, and in respect of the ongoing review work.
- 5.4 There are no staffing or financial implications arising as a direct result of this report.
- 5.5 No risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Corporate or Strategic level.

6. Scheme of Governance

- 6.1 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report and their comments have been incorporated. They are satisfied that the report complies with the Scheme of Governance and relevant legislation.
- 6.2 The Committee is able to consider this item in terms of Section B.11.2 of the List of Committee Powers in Part 2A of the Scheme of Governance as it relates to reviewing the effectiveness of Council policy implementation and Council service delivery within the Area and also in terms of the Committee Review Process to identify potential improvements and make recommendations to the relevant Policy Committee.

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