

**EXECUTIVE**

<b>Report title</b>	Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel – Response – Aster Care Home (Formerly Belle Vue Care Home)	
<b>Executive Member*</b>	Julia Rostron, Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health	
<b>Chief Executive or Director</b>	Erik Scollay, Director of Adult Social care and Health Integration	
<b>Date</b>	12 June 2018	
<b>Purpose of the report</b>	To provide the directorate response to the Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel's final report on Aster Care Home (Formerly Belle Vue Care Home).	
<b>Summary of the report</b>	The Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel had concerns about the Belle Vue Care Home following its meeting of 16 November 2016. In response to a Care Quality Commission the Panel decided to establish a working party of the SCASSP with a remit to visit the home and to report back to the full Panel. The working party carried out the visit on 15 September 2017 and were assured from discussions with Council officers and Managers of the home that the care home (now called Aster Care Home) was safe, that management was appropriate and that staff and their families were satisfied with the care and/or treatment that they were receiving. The attached action plan reflects the implementation of on-going arrangements to provide quarterly safeguarding information at the request of the Panel.	
<b>If this is a key decision, which key decision test applies?*</b>	Over the financial threshold (£150,000)	
	Amends the Council's policy framework	
	Affects two or more wards	
	Non-key	X
<b>For the purposes of scrutiny call in procedure this report is*</b>	Exempt under s.12a Local Government Act 1972	
	Urgent	
	Non-urgent	X
<b>If this is a confidential report, which category of exemption(s) from the Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972 applies?</b>	The report is not confidential.	
<b>Decision(s) asked for</b>	That Executive approves the attached action plan.	
<b>Impact of decision(s)</b>	The SCASSP will be provided with more comprehensive information about safeguarding activity during the preceding quarter	

## **What is the purpose of this report?**

1. To provide the directorate response to the Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel's final report on Aster Care Home (Formerly Belle Vue Care Home).

## **Why is this report necessary?**

2. The report is necessary as the Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel (SCASSP) had concerns about the Belle Vue Care Home following its meeting of 16 November 2016. In response to a Care Quality Commission (CQC) report dated 5 May 2017, which was discussed by the Panel on 24 July 2017, the Panel decided to establish a working party of the SCASSP with a remit to visit the home and to report back to the full Panel. The working party carried out the visit on 15 September 2017 and were assured from discussions with Council officers and Managers of the home that the care home (now called Aster Care Home) was safe, that management was appropriate and that staff and their families were satisfied with the care and/or treatment that they were receiving. The attached action plan reflects the implementation of on-going arrangements to provide quarterly safeguarding information at the request of the Panel.

## **What decision(s) are being asked for?**

3. That Executive approves the attached action plan. The plan recommends the quarterly provision to the SCASSP of information relating to Council decisions to suspend placements in individual care homes and occasions requiring the implementation of the Tees Safeguarding Adults Board's Serious Concerns Protocol.

## **Why is this being recommended?**

4. The proposed action plan is appropriate as it provides the SCASSP with an increased level of information awareness of adult safeguarding activity that has been on-going within the Council; this will support the Panel in its investigations and in shaping the nature of future scrutiny topics.

5. No stakeholder consultation was required.

## **Other potential decisions and why these have not been recommended**

6. No alternative decisions were considered as the recommendation by the SCASSP was straightforward to implement and there were no resource implications.

## **Impact of recommended decision**

7. Implementation of the recommendation will support the Panel in its investigations and in shaping the nature of future scrutiny topics; this should in turn contribute to improvements in the prevention of, and response to, the abuse of vulnerable adults.

## **Legal**

8. None identified

## **Financial**

9. None identified

## **The Mayor's Vision for Middlesbrough**

10. The provision of the quarterly safeguarding information to the SCASSP, as described in the action plan, will support the Panel in helping it to ensure that its scrutiny topics can give timely consideration to safeguarding issues in care homes. This is clearly in alignment with the Mayor's Vision commitment to ensuring a safer Middlesbrough and contributes to the Council's key theme of Social Regeneration.

### **Policy Framework**

11. The proposed action has no impact on the Council's policy framework.

### **Wards**

12. The Panel report resulting in the attached action plan concerns safeguarding within care homes; the action plan therefore relates to any ward that has a care home within it.

### **Equality and Diversity**

13. The residents of care homes are vulnerable adults; the vast majority will fall within multiple protected characteristics of the Equality Act 2010. The implementation of the SCASSP recommendation will support the Panel in scrutinising the work of the Adult Social Care and Health Integration directorate in effectively discharging its safeguarding duties to vulnerable adults; this should in turn contribute to improvements in the prevention of, and response to, the abuse of vulnerable adults.

14. No Equality Impact Assessment is required.

### **Risk**

15. The implementation of the SCASSP recommendation will support the Panel in scrutinising the work of the Adult Social Care and Health Integration directorate in effectively discharging its safeguarding duties to vulnerable adults; this should in turn contribute to improvements in the prevention of, and response to, the abuse of vulnerable adults.

### **Actions to be taken to implement the decision(s)**

16. The identified safeguarding information will be provided to the Scrutiny Officer on a quarterly basis.

### **Appendices**

17. The Final Report of the Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel and the Action Plan with service area comments are attached.

### **Background papers**

<b>Body</b>	<b>Report title</b>	<b>Date</b>
Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel	Final Report of the Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel	10 <sup>th</sup> April 2018