

**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Health Scrutiny Committee – 28 May 2015
Subject: Health and Wellbeing Update – Part 1
Report of: Strategic Director for Families, Health and Wellbeing

Summary

This report provides Members of the Committee with an overview of developments across Health and social care.

Recommendations

The Health Scrutiny Committee is asked to note the contents of this report.

Wards Affected: All

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Background documents (available for public inspection):

The following documents disclose important facts on which the report is based and have been relied upon in preparing the report. Copies of the background documents are available up to 4 years after the date of the meeting. If you would like a copy please contact one of the contact officers above.

None

1 Independent Living Fund, ADASS, and LGA code of practice¹

- 1.1 The government has published this guidance is intended to support the effective transfer of ILF users to sole local authority support in England from July 2015.
- 1.2 Following the decision by Government to close the ILF on 30 June 2015, the Independent Living Fund (ILF), the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS), and the Local Government Association (LGA) have reaffirmed their commitment to working in partnership to support the effective transfer of ILF users to sole local authority support from July 2015 by re-launching their code of practice.
- 1.3 The code aims to maximise the success of the review programme and enhance the customer journey throughout transition by providing key principles to underpin partnership working. The code is intended to act as best practice guidance and does not change local authority's statutory duties. Where the code refers to eligible care needs this means eligible care needs under local authority criteria following the implementation of the Care Act from April 2015.

Key principles

Commitment to personalisation, inclusion, and choice and control

- 1.4 Throughout the process all parties will seek to demonstrate a commitment to the underlying principles of personalisation. There will be a high level commitment to maintaining choice and control, as well as maintaining users' independent living outcomes.
- 1.5 All parties will ensure that users and their representatives are fully involved in transitional planning, and will take account of the views and requirements of users and their families/representatives in the preparation and implementation of the transfer of support.

Updated position

- 1.6 The Care Act sets out an underlying principle of wellbeing, that has to be promoted when carrying out care and support functions and starts with the presumption that the individual is best placed to identify their care and support outcomes.
- 1.7 Local authorities should take into consideration the person's opinions in relation to their wellbeing and should bear in mind the impact of any changes to a user's support on both the user and their family.

2. Ebola Virus Disease (EVD)

¹ https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/406667/ilf-adass-lga-code-of-practice-nov-2014.pdf

- 2.1 The situation in West Africa has now improved considerably, with Liberia, one of the three main affected countries recently declared disease free. The number of cases in Sierra Leone and Guinea has fallen substantially, and those countries do now appear to be in the 'end-game', though they still face a difficult challenge in completely eradicating EVD.
- 2.2 Although that is good news, we should remember that there have been over 26,000 cases in West Africa since the beginning of the outbreak, with over 11,000 people dying. This EVD outbreak is of unprecedented scale, and serves as a stark reminder of the unexpected challenges that human societies will always face from time to time from infectious diseases.
- 2.3 Although EVD plans remain in place in the UK, including additional measures such as airport screening, there have been no further cases in the UK (or Europe or the USA more widely) for several weeks. The risk of EVD in the UK is expected to remain very low.