

Adult Social Care Scrutiny Commission

End of life task group review – Briefing note

1. Purpose of Briefing Note

To advise commission members of progress on the End of Life task group review.

1.1 The end of life task group review met on 9th August 2017, chaired by Cllr Cleaver and with Steven Forbes in attendance. The task group had convened in January 2017 but a lack of key personnel led to its delay until recently. Notes from the January meeting were circulated for information.

1.2 Support papers for the August meeting included:

- (a) Leicester JSNA on End of Life Care
- (b) Leicester JSNA on adult Social Care
- (c) Hospice UK report on end of Life Support
- (d) Hospice UK Parliamentary debate briefing
- (e) Macmillan partnership with Coventry City Council to improve the quality of support for people affected by cancer

It was **agreed** that Jerry would summarise the main points and integrate them into the final report for consideration by members.

1.3 Future requirements of the task group would concentrate on the adult social care elements of end of life care as opposed to the clinical and NHS aspects. Other elements for future work would include:

- an understanding of what social care services contribute to people at the end of their life;
- Consideration of how well social care services perform against the 'checklist for employers, leaders, commissioners and funders' from the 'Role of social workers in palliative, end of life and bereavement care report'
- Understanding how social care services link with health providers to support people to die at home or the place of their choice.
- Consideration of the training given to social care and care home staff to deal with end of life care
- Evaluating how well we communicate, as part of a multi-agency, multi-disciplinary team with families to have end of life conversations.

1.4 A meeting of the task group to take evidence from ASC officers and outside agencies is to be scheduled for early September.

2. Members are invited to note the report.

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