

## Covid 19 - Planning for Adult Social Care

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### **1. Summary**

- 1.1.** This report highlights some of the key areas of activity that have been undertaken by Somerset County Council Adult Social Care (ASC), with its partners across health, care providers and the voluntary sector; relating to the care of vulnerable adults and their carers during the pandemic.

### **2. Issues for consideration / Recommendations**

- 2.1.** Members of the committee are invited to review the proposed areas for discussion which this report sets out and comment on the actions taken and proposed.
- 2.2.** During the meeting detail will be added and members will hear of how ASC and our system partners have moved at pace to ensure that carers and older and disabled people can be better supported during these unprecedented times.

### **3. Background**

- 3.1.** There have been a number of changed requirements and "easements" proposed to the way ASC is delivered by Councils across England. These are contained in the main in the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020 Hospital Discharge service requirements documents which can be found at appendix 1 and the <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-hospital-discharge-service-requirements> and the Coronavirus Act 2020 a summary of which is at appendix 2. Finally in terms of background papers there is the Covid 19 Adult Social Care Strategy which is summarised in Appendix 3.
- 3.2.** The key areas covered in the presentation will include
  - The new operational model for ASC
  - Discharge from hospital – changes to the joint Hospital Interface Service
  - Integration and locality working
  - Support for commissioned services and providers

- New commissioning arrangements

#### **4. Consultations undertaken**

4.1. Not applicable at this stage

#### **5. Implications**

5.1. None at this stage

#### **6. Background papers**

6.1. Appendix One- Hospital Discharge requirements  
Appendix two - Coronavirus Act 2020 – relevant sections  
Appendix Three – Covid 19 Strategy for Adult Social Care

**Note** For sight of individual background papers please contact the report author