

Select Committee on Health & Adult Social Care – 8th July 2008

Report of the Director of Adult, Community & Housing Services

Dudley Dignity in Care Programme

Purpose of Report

1. To bring to the attention of the Committee the report which went to the Health Improvement and Modernisation Management Team in May on the Dignity in Care Programme.

Background

2. The Dudley Dignity in Care Programme has been developed by a multi-agency group. The Dignity in Care Programme aims to raise awareness and inspire people to take action to keep dignity at the heart of all our work.
3. There are two elements to the Dudley Dignity in Care Programme, a monthly rolling programme and Dignity Champions.
4. At the heart of the programme is the National Dignity Challenge and the Dudley Value Base for Older People's Services developed by the Older People's Board; however the programme is relevant to the users of the services.
5. The programme is being launched at an event on 30 June at Himley Hall.

Finance

6. Any costs associated with implementing the programme will be met from within existing resources.

Law

7. The principles of Dignity are contained within the Human Rights Act 1998. These fundamental rights include rights which impact directly on service provision in the health and social care sector, such as the right not to be subjected to inhuman or degrading treatment. Other relevant legislation includes the Sex Discrimination Act 1975, Race Relations Act 1976 and Disability Discrimination Act 1995 and 2005. The legislation is designed to promote the dignity of citizens by ensuring they are treated with respect.

Equality Impact

8. The aims and principles of the Dignity in Care Programme will contribute to the equality agenda, in particular by ensuring that the most vulnerable receive the highest quality and appropriate care provided with dignity and respect.

Recommendation

9. Members are recommended to support and welcome the Dignity in Care programme.



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List of Background Papers

1. Report to HIMMT 12 May 2008 (attached)