

Title: **Adult Social Care Eligibility Policy and Guidance**

Wards Affected: All

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1. What has been achieved in the past six months?

- 1.1 Following full consultation with the public, the ASC Eligibility Policy was agreed by Mayoral decision at PDG and via TSDFT's governance process and the PDG requested a review in 6 months via a report to the HWBB.
- 1.2 The Trust has focussed staff training on equipping our staff to use the Strengths Based Approach in all of our interventions with people. This policy is a central element of this social care change programme; focussing more on community interventions and less process/paperwork for staff. The programme will review the current operating model, in order to develop one which is coproduced with the Community and Voluntary Sector. This will offer people quick access to preventative services and free up statutory staff to work in the community to manage risk, cost and complexity.
- 1.3 A key component of the policy's implementation via the publication of a guidance document to underpin the policy. The Principal Social Worker has drafted this guidance, which is for inclusion in the wider change programme for social care.
- 1.4 This guidance is attached, as signed for decision by the DASS in consultation with the Exe Lead of Adults. Any final amendments will be aligned with the social care change process in the light of that programme and ratified internally by TSDFT, as further presented to DASS and Exe Lead for Adults..

2. What are the blockages?

- 2.1 Due to the impending change program, and the probability that process will slightly alter; it is prudent to delay the publication of the policy and guidance until the wider change programme is underway. This is to ensure that messages to the public, partners and staff are consistent and clear.

3. What is the planned activity for the next six months?

- 3.1 The Policy and Guidance will be published and implemented in October 2018.

Appendices

APPENDIX ONE - DRAFT - Care and Support Eligibility Policy - Operating Guidance