

Adult Social Care Annual Report (2023-2024) Briefing Note for the Health and Wellbeing Board

The Adult Social Care Annual Report is now an embedded part of the reporting cycle for Halton Borough Council. Whilst it is not a mandatory requirement, it remains viewed as good practice by The Associate of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS).

The Annual Report demonstrates an open approach to our successes, challenges and where we can develop further, in order to improve outcomes for people with care and support needs and their unpaid carers within Halton. It is an opportunity to showcase the breadth of work the directorate undertakes and supports communication, information sharing and transparency between adult social care, the people who use our services and our stakeholders.

The focus of the 2023-2024 report is '*prevention and wellbeing*'. The report highlights the work that has taken place across the Directorate in recognising and responding to the National and Local drivers of prevention as a catalyst for change in how services are delivered to prevent or delay the need for statutory services, and to empower adults with care and support needs to have more control over their wellbeing and the services they access.

The report is structured around the following areas:

1. Ensuring Prevention & Wellbeing is a priority across everything we do
2. Supporting prevention and wellbeing by understanding our residents needs
3. Supporting prevention & wellbeing through our services

This year a new section 'The Year Ahead – Priorities for 2024-2025' has been included. The aim of this section is to provide a structure to the report that will allow progress against priorities, outlined in the Adult Directorate Business Plan 2024/25 to be measured year on year.

The report also highlights what the local provisions of ASC looks like, along with some high level data on service usage, spend, customer care and safeguarding.

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