

**Cllr Simon Allen, Cabinet Member for WellBeing
Key Issues Briefing Note**

Wellbeing Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel – September 2014

Winterbourne View Update – Improving Lives Reviews

As an action from the Winterbourne View Concordat of Action, which is overseen by a national Joint Improvement Programme, the Improving Lives team was commissioned to undertake reviews of the ex-patients of Winterbourne View plus a number of other cases of concern. A total of 44 reviews were undertaken by the Improving Lives Team. These reviews were completed during the spring/summer of 2014, and included two people funded by Bath and North East Somerset.

The three primary themes of the review were to look at:

- 1) Are people safe now?
- 2) What do people think of their current support?
- 3) What are the plans for the future?

Members of the Improving Lives Team visited Bath and North East Somerset and met with the individuals concerned, their advocate and members of staff. A report was then compiled detailing their findings and conclusions.

I am pleased to feedback that the two reviews completed for people supported by Bath and North East Somerset were excellent, with recognition of the very positive support that both people receive from their support staff, the life that each person is now building in their own community and the optimism for a successful future. To quote the Improving Lives lead – *“all professionals involved in the individuals care need to be praised for supporting this person to lead such an independent life”*.

Update on Rough Sleepers

(from the Cabinet Member for Wellbeing and the Cabinet Member for Homes & Planning)

In November 2013, a snapshot estimate conducted across various services and access points in Bath & North East Somerset found 33 people known to be sleeping rough. This was an increase on the previous year findings of 22 which was conducted in accordance with different guidance and is not, therefore, directly comparable. Since then a number of actions have been put in place and anecdotally we understand that the number of rough sleepers has decreased. However, a formal snapshot estimate is planned for late November which will confirm the numbers.

A report on homelessness, including rough sleeping, is being presented to the Housing & Major Projects Policy & Development Panel. Initially scheduled for the November meeting, this has now been rescheduled for the 20th January meeting. This is to allow the results of the Rough Sleeper Estimate to be included in the H&MP update report.

Members of the Wellbeing Panel are invited to view the report when published, or attend the meeting.