

# Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

BRIEFING NOTE – No.12/15

Date: 30 October 2015

Briefing paper to: All Members of the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

## **Purpose:** Access to Care homes

The following information was requested at the last meeting of Health and Adult Social Care O&S Committee held on 1 October 2015.

The Access to Resources Team telephoned 31 older people's residential and nursing care homes to ask the question whether residents originally came from Medway or were considered to be from out of the area. They have also telephoned 50 disability residential care homes for adults with either a mental health need, learning disability or physical disability. I hope we've got the brief right. In terms of clients actively choosing to live in Medway, that is possibly a question our social work colleagues should be able to answer.

Of the 31 older people providers, 14 were not able to provide a response over the phone. Of the 17 that were able to respond, there is a variance of between 0% and 25% of people from out of area. This should be read with some caution, for example, the care home that has 25% residents from out of area is a 20 bedded care home, which means 5/20 residents are not from Medway.

Across the 17 homes, an average of 8% of residents in the residential care homes and 6% of residents in the nursing homes were from out of the area.

Of the 50 disability providers, 26 providers were able to provide a response. Of the responses, there is a variance between 0% and 67% of people from out of area. Again, this should be read with some caution, for example, the care home that has 67% of people from out of area is a small 3 bedded care home and two of the residents are not from Medway. Another care home that has a significant proportion of people from outside of Medway is Frindsbury House run by the Mortimer Society. This is 83%. This service is a specialist service for people with Huntington's Disease and so naturally we would expect this figure to be high.

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