

## Surrey County Council Local Authority Update

### 1. Strategic Director Adult Social Care Service

David Sargeant has been appointed as the Strategic Director of Adult Social Care Services in August.

Shelley Head (Interim Assistant Director NW Surrey) has undertaken the role of Programme Director for the Family, Friends and Community (FFC) work streams in order to strengthen local communities to give people a range of services to choose from and increase choice. FFC is a culture and practice change programme based on an asset-based approach and promoting more self-reliance and community responsibility.

### 2. Surrey Choices

Surrey Choices, which is a Surrey County Council Local Authority Trading Company, opened for business on Monday 18 August. Managing Director, Simon Laker is leading Surrey Choices which includes the Shared Lives project, the Personalisation Team, AboutUs, EmployAbility and Day Opportunities. This new independence will mean that the organisation will have greater flexibility to offer new services and support options for people with disabilities that promote personal choice.

### 3. Health and Wellbeing Board

The next meeting in public is on 4 September from 1 – 4pm at Reigate Town Hall (RH2 0SH). Agenda items:

- Findings from Autism services self-assessment
- Aligning commissioning cycles
- Better Care Fund update
- Children and Young People's health and wellbeing plan update

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### 4. The Care Act update

As part of the Council's preparation for the Care Act, a small scale pilot on the new Cap on Care element of the funding reforms is being run in the borough of Elmbridge. This element of the Care Act will not go live until April 2016, but presents a new challenge for all local authorities, so preparations are starting early.

### 5. Surrey Safeguarding Adults Board

The summer newsletter is available [www.surreycc.gov.uk/.../adult...adults.../surrey-safeguarding-adults-board](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/.../adult...adults.../surrey-safeguarding-adults-board).

The newsletter highlights include:

- New Board publication to support adults at risk of abuse and neglect who arrange their own care
- Safeguarding awareness for housing and health providers
- Missing persons protocol
- Update on the multi agency procedures
- Specific roles of partnership agencies
- Care Act 2014 – consultation on statutory guidance and regulation
- Whistleblowing – response to consultation.