

Leeds City Council Annual Local Account 2016/17

Creating better lives for people
with care and support needs.

EasyRead Version





Councillor Rebecca Charlwood,
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Wellbeing and Adults.

“We want Leeds to be the best place for people with care and support needs to live and grow old in. A caring city, where everyone can live a happy and fulfilling life the way they choose to live it”



Cath Roff,
Director of Adults and Health

“We want to make sure that everyone who needs care gets the right care at the right time. We want to help people to stay independent for as long as possible”

The Government has asked for this Local Account document to be made to show what is going well, what could be done better and how improvements can be made.

The challenges we face



The number of people who live in Leeds is going up. There are more old people and people with poor health.



More people have health problems that last a long time and are hard to treat.



Everyone wants more choice in how they live their lives.



But the money we can spend on care is being squeezed.



Leeds City Council believes it should put people who need care and support first.

What is going well?

Compared to other towns and cities:



- more people in Leeds are happy with care services



- people in Leeds who need social care say they have a better quality of life



- more people in Leeds say they find it easy to get information about services



- more people in Leeds say they feel safe



- more people in Leeds say they spend as much time as they want to with other people.

What needs to get better?

Compared to other towns and cities:



- people in Leeds are waiting too long to get the care and support they need



- fewer people in Leeds who need social care say they feel in control of their lives



- too many people are going to live in care homes when they leave hospital



- not enough people are getting short-term care to keep them out of hospital, or help them when they go home from hospital.

For more about these statistics and other information about local care and support go to www.leeds.gov.uk/LocalAccountStatistics

We want Leeds to be a city where everyone who needs care and support:



- has somewhere decent to live



- has friends and people who love them



- has enough money to choose how they live their life



- can make decisions about their own life.



- lives as independently as possible



- can take a full and active part in their community



- enjoys the best quality of life, whatever their disability or illness



- has hopes and dreams



- has fun!

What we will do.



- help people who need care and support to make changes to their lives, so they can live the life they want to live



- give better support to older people leaving hospital



- offer a wider range of high quality care and support services



- get communities more involved in supporting people who are isolated or need care and support.

What we will do.



- give better support to families, friends and carers



- make sure people who need care and support are safe



- help people to learn the skills they need to stay living independently



- help people who may have lost some skills after an illness to learn how to live independently again.

Making lives better



We will work together with local communities to give better care and support for those who need it.



We will use new technology and smart ways of getting and keeping in touch.



We will work with colleges and universities to find better ways of giving care and support.



We will make sure that people who need care and support can get access to the right sort of housing.



We will help people to pay for their social care in the way that suits them best.



We will find ways to help people to be independent again, after an accident or illness.



We will give better support to help people to live safely in their own homes.



We want to think and talk about care and support in a new way.



Our focus is on giving help at the right time and in the right way.



Our aim is for Leeds to be a city where everyone can live a happy and fulfilling life the way they choose to live it.

Want to know more?

See the Leeds Better Lives blog:
www.betterlivesleeds.wordpress.com

Healthwatch Leeds supports the Local Account as an effective way of showing the work of Leeds Adult Social Care and how progress is monitored. We endorse this report.

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