

# Adults and Safer City Scrutiny Panel

Tuesday, 28 January 2020

Dear Councillor

**ADULTS AND SAFER CITY SCRUTINY PANEL - TUESDAY, 28TH JANUARY, 2020**

I am now able to enclose, for consideration at next Tuesday, 28th January, 2020 meeting of the Adults and Safer City Scrutiny Panel, the following reports that were unavailable when the agenda was printed.

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[Cllr Linda Leach Cabinet Member Adult Services to present report on key priorities.]

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# Briefing Note

**Title:** Cabinet Member Personal Priorities 2020 - 2021

**Date:** 20 January 2020

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**Job Title:** Director of Adult Services

**Intended  
Audience:**

Internal ☐

Partner organisation ☐

Public ☒

Confidential ☐

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## 1.0 Purpose or recommendation

- 1.1 To introduce the Cabinet Member priorities to Adults and Safer City Scrutiny Panel and receive feedback from the board.

## 2.0 Overview

- 2.1 It is important that Cabinet and relevant Scrutiny Panels are aware of and understand Cabinet Member priorities and why they have chosen those.
- 2.2 Cabinet Member priorities do not replace the requirement for officers to deliver services across the portfolio, they are to set out those priorities that the Cabinet Member has identified with the relevant Director as those they wish to have a particular focus on and will champion over the next municipal year.

## 3.0 Summary of approach that will be used

- 3.1 The Cabinet Member will circulate in advance a summary of their priorities for the Board to consider and feedback on.
- 3.2 The Cabinet Member will present those priorities at the meeting of the panel and will receive questions and comments, along with relevant officers, on the priorities.
- 3.3 The Cabinet Member for Adult Services would like to try a different way of gathering feedback from the panel and will be using Mentimeter at the meeting to gather views.
- 3.4 In order to take part with the Mentimeter poll each panel member will need access to an internet connected device such as a laptop, table or smartphone as they will need to use the web browser on the device.

## 4.0 Instructions for using Mentimeter

- 4.1 The correct code for the mentimeter will be provided on the day, however the following provides a simple guide of how to connect to the mentimeter poll:

Go to [www.menti.com](http://www.menti.com) and use the code  



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Grab your phone

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Enter the code   and vote!



## Adult Social Care Priorities 2020 - 2021

Councillor Linda Leach  
Cabinet Member for Adult Services

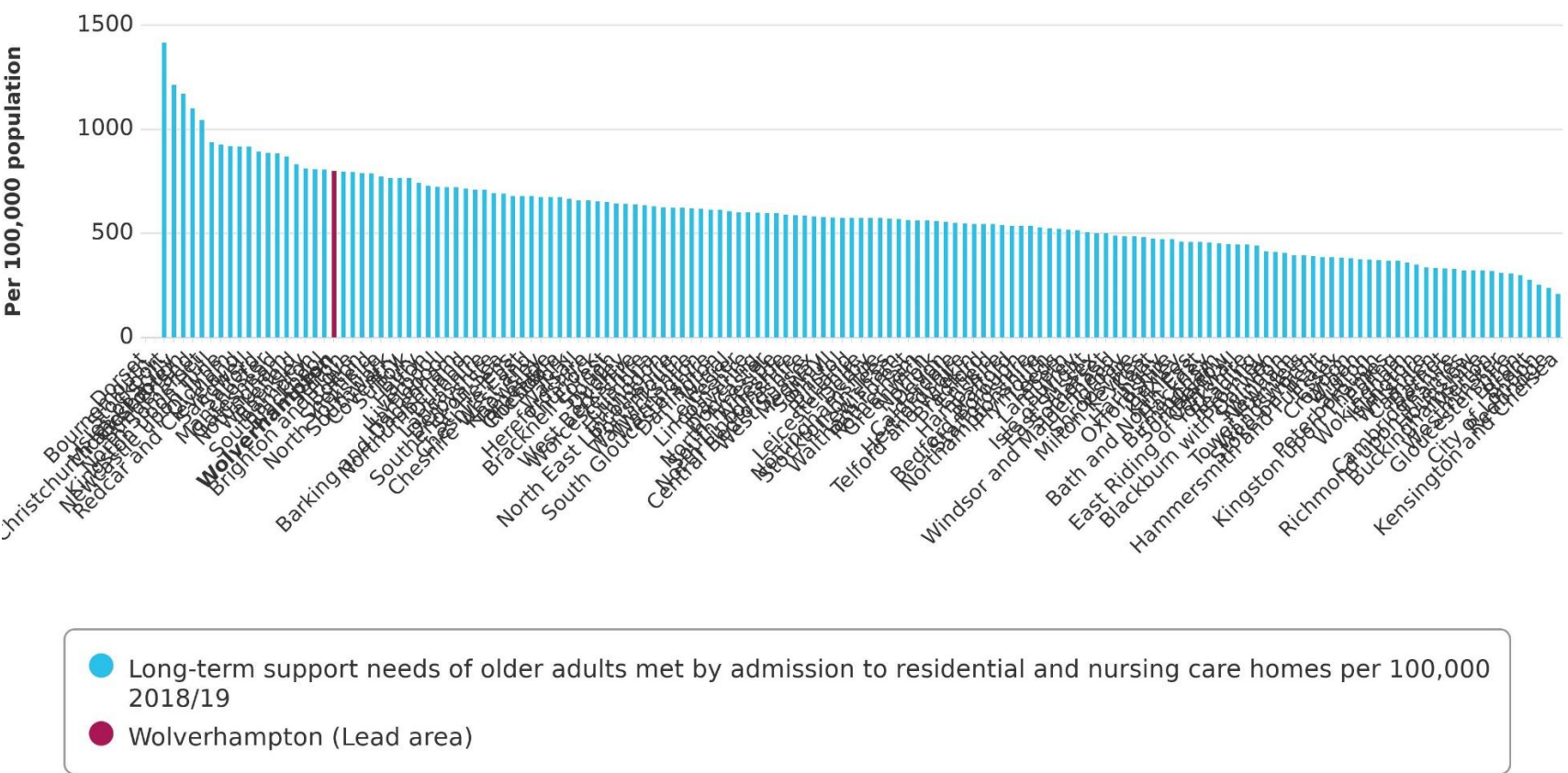
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# Priority 1: Accommodation for older people with care and support needs

**Long-term support needs of older adults (aged 65 and over) met by admission to residential and nursing care homes, per 100,000 population (2018/19) for All English single tier and county councils**



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## What does the graph tell us?

- Higher is bad – this means we support older people with social care needs in residential or nursing care far more often than the majority of councils that provide social care in England.
- People often have to move away from their families, streets and communities that are important to them when they go in to residential care.
- Supporting people in residential care currently costs the council an average gross cost of £525 per week. Home care currently costs an average of £149 per week. The average cost of home care per person will go up if we support people with higher needs in their own homes but it should still cost less than residential care.

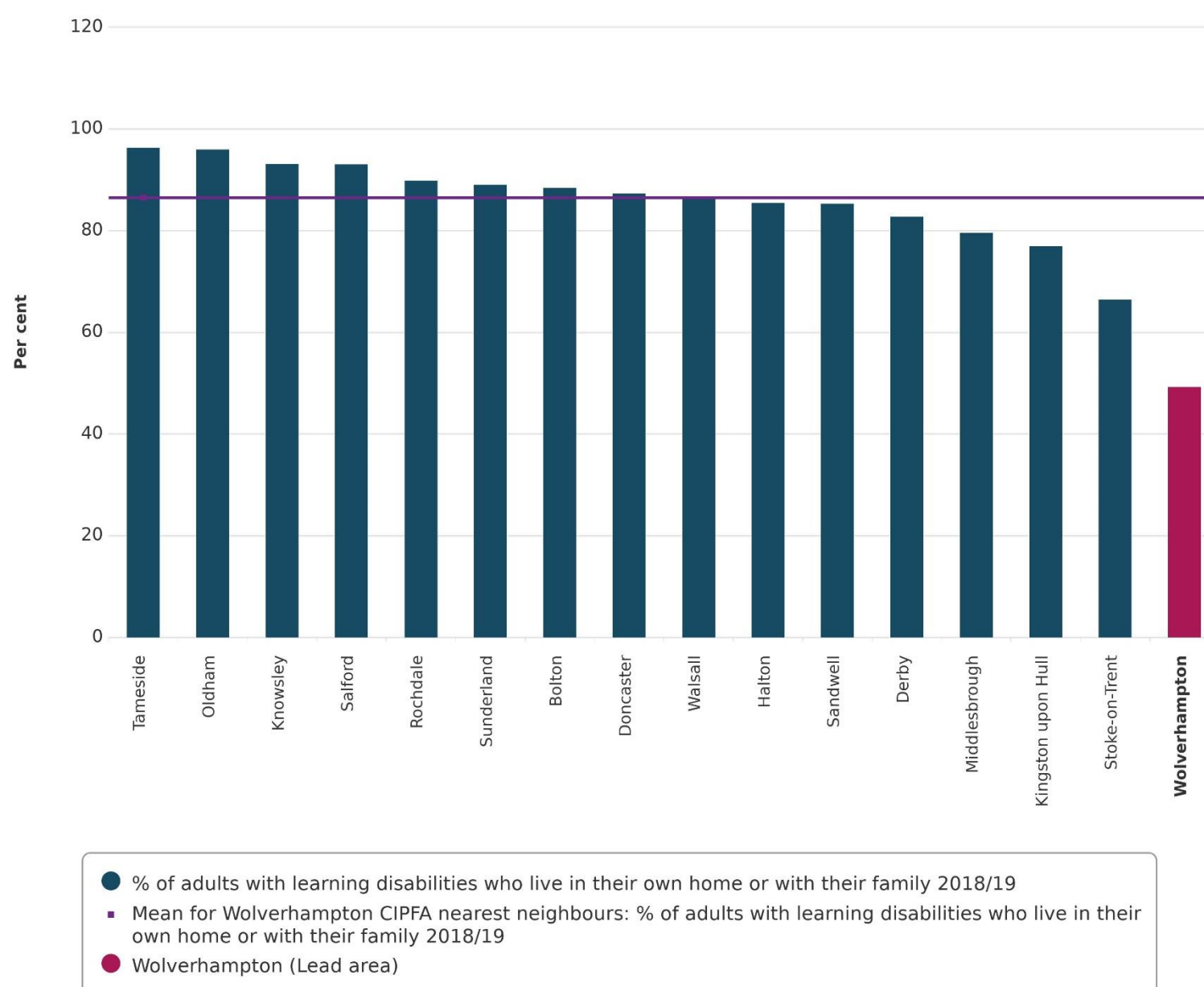
## Key things I want to see happen

- We need to make sure we have the right types of homes for the different older communities we have in the city.
- Cabinet has supported increasing the number of extracare apartments in the City and we need to now make that happen – we hope to have nearly an additional 600 apartments in the city by 2030
- It would be good to work with housing on a co-living approach where younger adults may live in similar accommodation to people with care needs and provide some support for lower rent. There are some good examples in the Netherlands for us to learn from
- We need to think about how we support carers and whether we have the offer right to reduce carer stress
- Work with providers to make sure staff have the right skills to support



## Priority 2: Accommodation & support to help people with learning disabilities live in their own homes or remain in family homes

Proportion of adults with learning disabilities who live in their own home or with their family (2018/19) for Wolverhampton & Wolverhampton CIPFA nearest neighbours



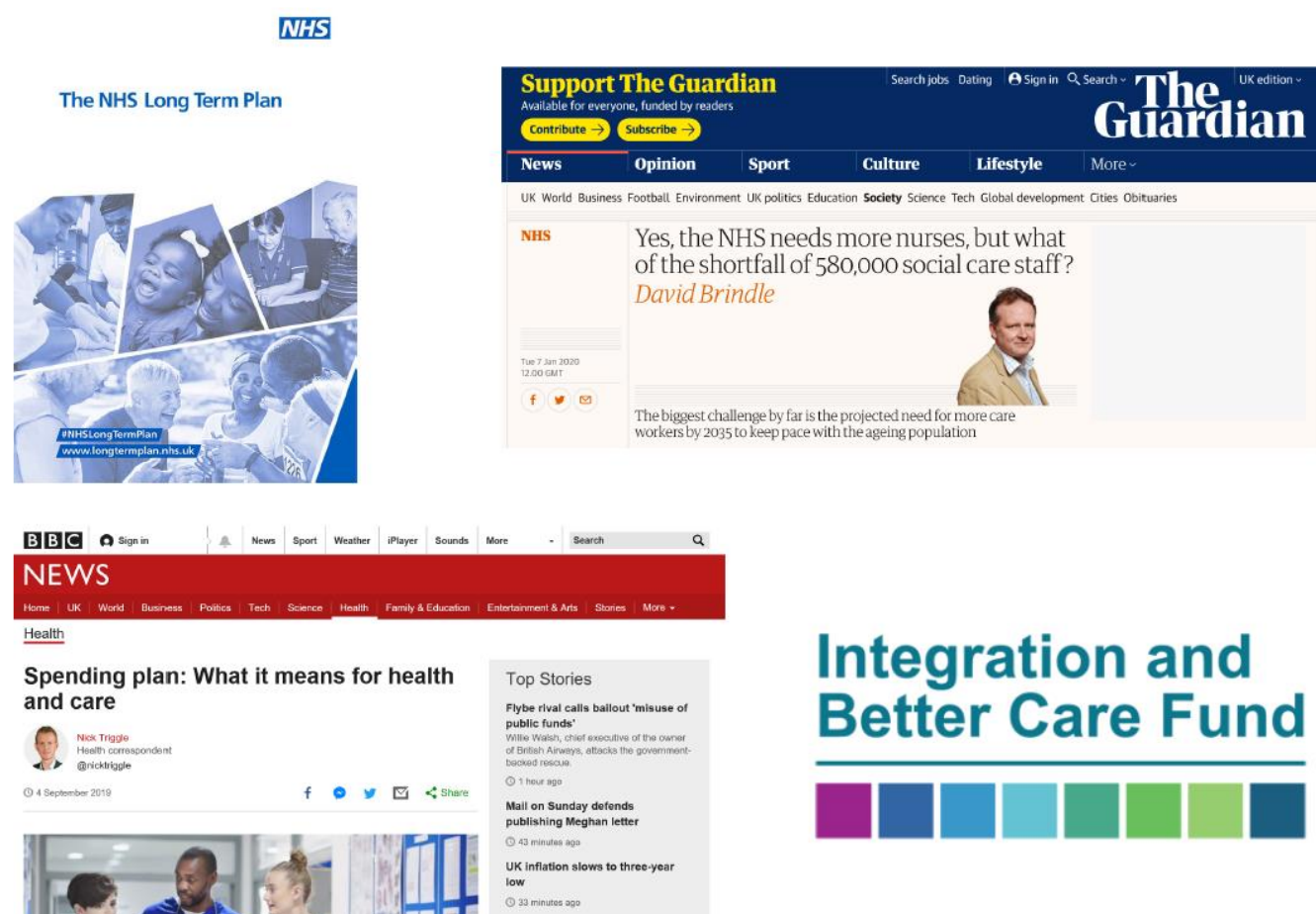
### What does the graph tell us?

- We have to be careful with data that uses proportions as the way councils report can be different, for example some councils may report “living in their own home” in a different way to others as the guidance isn’t always clear.
- Lower is worse – this means we support a greater proportion of people with learning disabilities in residential or nursing care than other similar councils.
- People with learning disabilities want to live ordinary lives, have their own front doors, have relationships and work. This is more likely to happen if people are supported to live more independently in the community.

### Key things I want to see happen

- I want to make sure we understand better whether this is a recording issue or whether we genuinely support more people in residential care.
- David & I are keen to focus on this area and we have already met 5 providers that we currently spend around 10 million pounds in total each year to talk to them about different ways we can face this issue
- We need to think about how we support carers and whether we have the offer right to reduce carer stress
- Work with providers to make sure staff have the right skills to support

## Priority 3: Health and social care integration



### Why is this important?

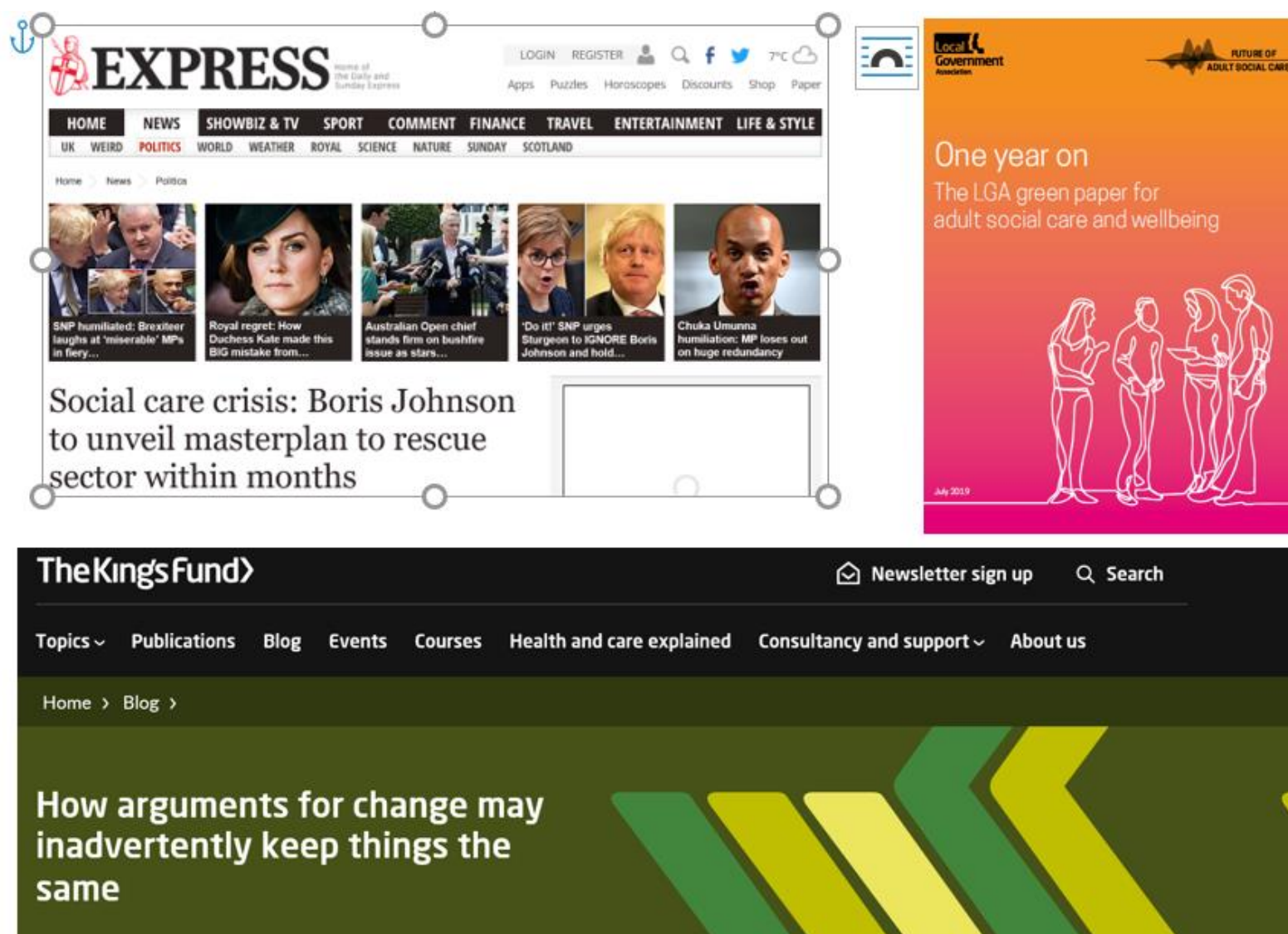
- There has been some better national press about challenges in social care but the recent focus of the government has remained on the NHS
- Working closely and well with the NHS means that we are likely to have a bigger say on how any extra money that comes to the NHS locally is spent
- There is a national push for the NHS to work better together at regional levels. If we have good working relationships we can make sure that as much focus remains on our local NHS in Wolverhampton
- We work well with the NHS locally but the Royal Wolverhampton Hospital has challenges from surrounding areas including A and E in Dudley, Problems with the hospital and maternity services in Telford and Shropshire and large numbers of patients from Staffordshire being delayed in hospital in Wolverhampton. This all impacts on how well people in Wolverhampton can access health care.

### What I want to see happening

- That all councillors understand more about how the NHS is reorganising itself.
- That the local authority, health and wellbeing board all have the chance to understand proposals and scrutinise and challenge them
- Where there are clear benefits to working more closely with NHS organisations in the city I will support officers to make the most of those opportunities
- Sometimes the NHS wants to see structure changes between health and social care but we have been successful at working with the NHS without always making structure changes. However, we will consider where this may help.



## Priority 4: Influencing sustainable funding settlements discussions for adult social care



### Why is this important?

- There has been some better national press about challenges in social care but the recent focus of the government has remained on the NHS
- Successive governments have failed to address the social care funding challenge
- The expectations have been for councils to find ways of funding social care. This comes at the price of other important services that the council provides
- Whilst the city council has supported adult social care by building growth in, like other councils we are at risk of meeting a tipping point.
- The private social care market is at risk and a number of providers are exiting the market regionally and nationally as they can't afford to run services.

### What I want to see happening

- That we think about how the council, officers and organisations like the LGA can influence discussions about social care funding
- That people that pay council tax understand about the types of services that adult social care provide and understand that this is a council not an NHS service
- That we look for opportunities to bring additional money in to adult social care such as NHS grants that are available to help with trying new things.

## Priority 5: Peer review of adult social care

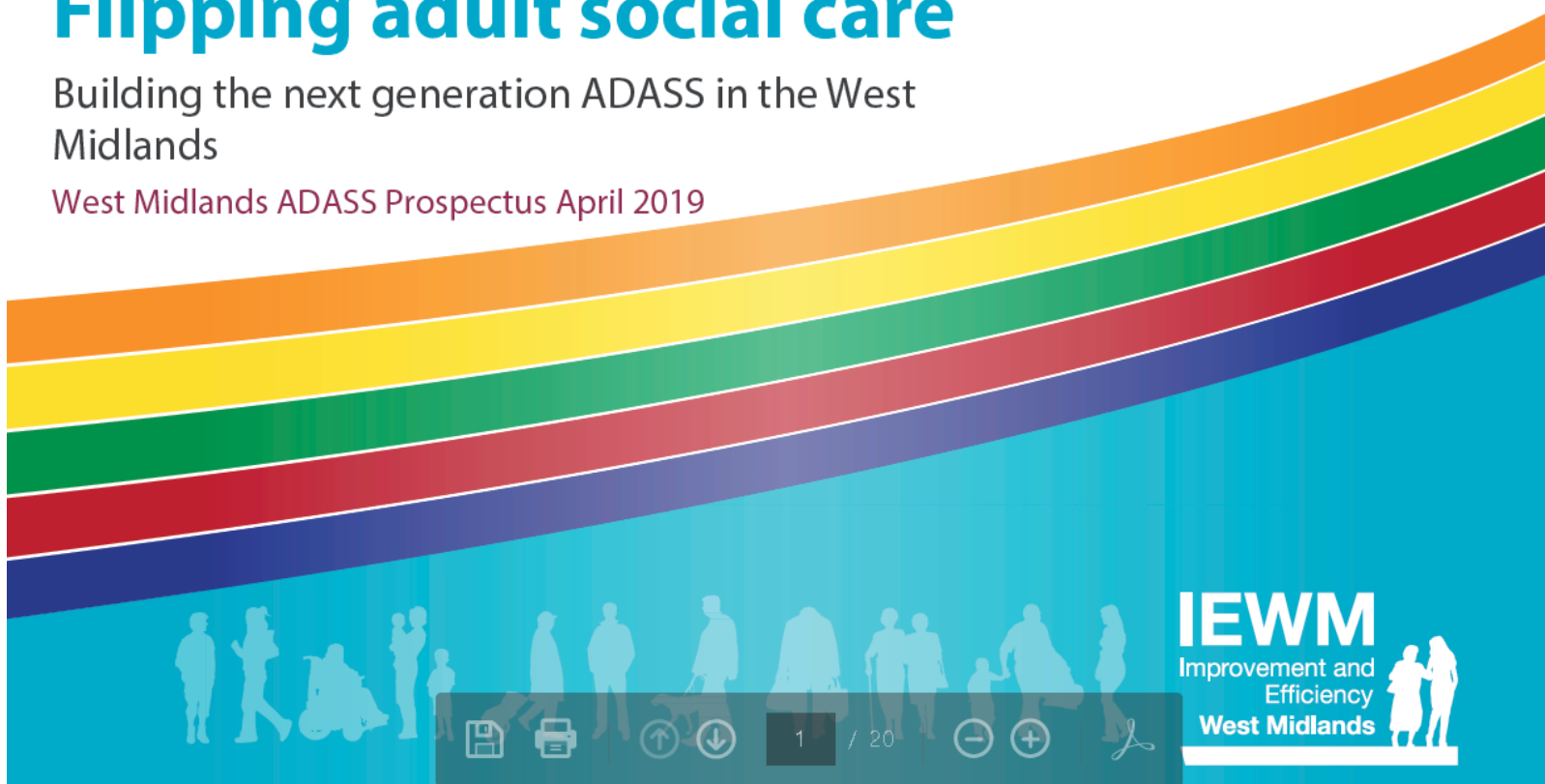
Flipping adult social care



### Flipping adult social care

Building the next generation ADASS in the West Midlands

West Midlands ADASS Prospectus April 2019



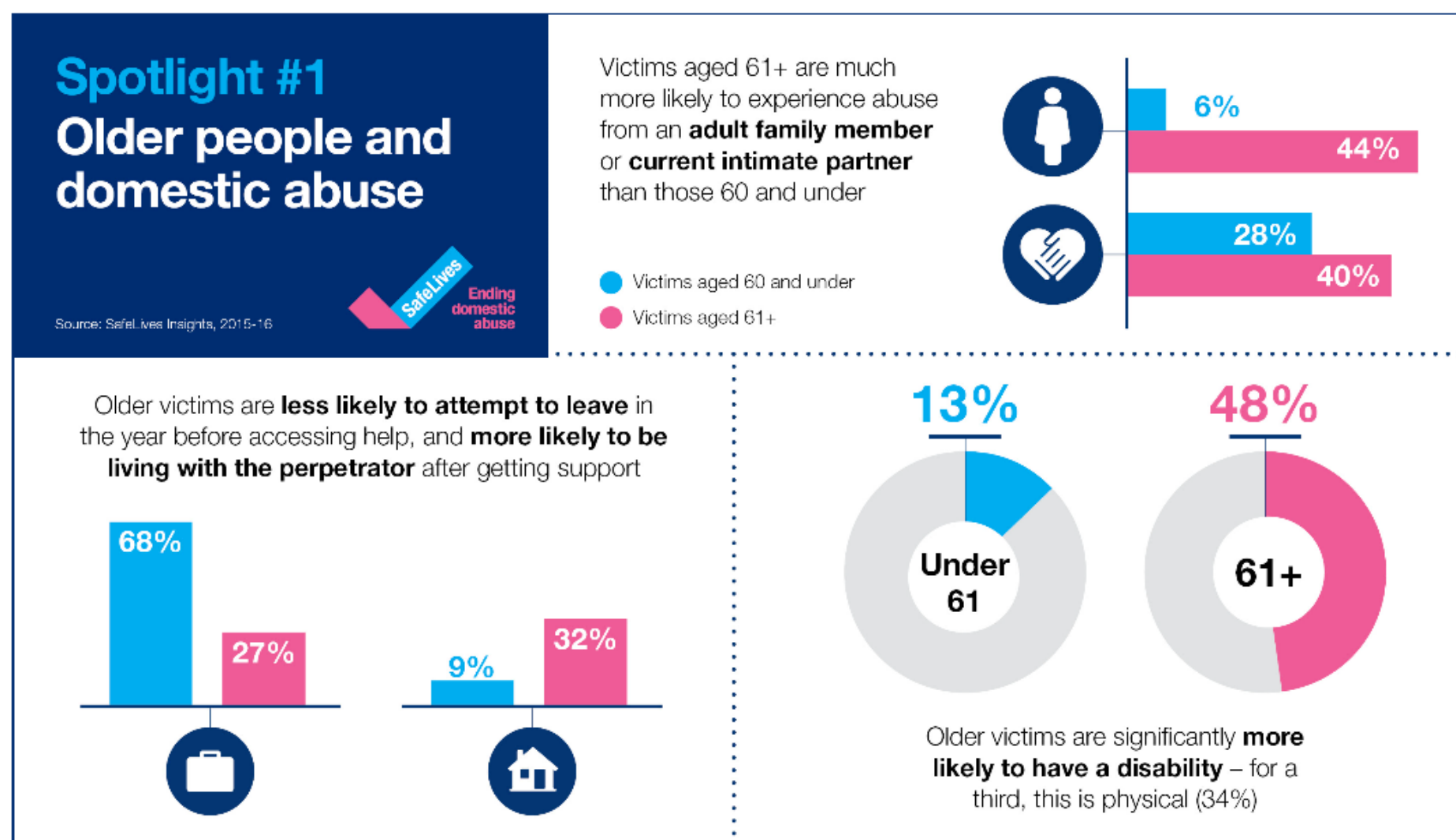
#### Why is this important?

- Adult social care services in the council such as social work no longer have an inspection similar to children's services who are inspected by Ofsted. Instead, there is a programme of sector led improvement in the form of peer reviews. Peer reviews help to give an independent perspective on our practice and provide opportunities to reflect on and transform further.
- Another Director of Adult Services from the West Midlands and their cabinet member will lead a peer review team that usually consists of around 5 or 6 people (Director, Cabinet member, two assistant directors and 1 or 2 experts by experience).
- The last peer review was led by Peter Hay, Strategic Director of people at Birmingham City at the time, the review focussed on commissioning.

#### What will happen?

- Wolverhampton is due to have a peer review around May 2020. The peer review team will be led by Stuart Lakenby, Director of Adult Services at Sandwell.
- The initial lines of enquiry have been agreed and will focus on how well strengths based approaches have been embedded in to our front line teams. This fits well because of the work we have been doing to embed the three conversations model of social work and the work we have been doing to improve support for carers and our connections with the community.
- David Watts, Director of Adult Services in Wolverhampton, is then due to lead a peer review team in October 2020 looking at practice in Sandwell MBC.

## Priority 6: Raising awareness around domestic abuse towards vulnerable older people



### Why is this important?

- Sometimes something is hugely important to you, and this priority is one I have chosen because I think there is perhaps more of it happening than we may think.
- We do a lot in the city to raise awareness about violence against women and girls but I would like to see us raise more awareness around domestic abuse towards older people.
- Orange Wolverhampton has grown to be a fantastic campaign in the autumn and there is an opportunity with this and safeguarding week to highlight the issue, raise awareness and share information about the support that is available to help people if they are experiencing abuse
- The information above shows some of the statistics from research by the charity Safe Lives that highlights why older people are more likely than the general population to experience domestic abuse.

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