

Cabinet

Dorset County Council



Date of Meeting	17 October 2018
<p><u>Cabinet Member</u> Jill Haynes - Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Health and Care</p> <p><u>Local Members</u> All</p> <p><u>Lead Director</u> Debbie Ward – Chief Executive and Director for Adult and Communities</p>	
Subject of Report	Motor Neurone Disease Charter Adoption
Executive Summary	<p>Motor Neurone Disease (MND) describes a group of diseases that affect the nerves in the brain and spinal cord which communicate with muscles. When a person has MND, messages from these nerves gradually stop reaching the muscles, causing them to weaken, stiffen and waste. The disease is rapidly progressive and always fatal.</p> <p>On 19 July 2018 the County Council received a public statement from Dr. Richard Sloan, the Chair of the West Dorset Branch of the Motor Neurone Disease Association. The statement explained that the disease kills 30% of people within 12 months of diagnosis and 50% within two years. The County Council was asked to adopt the MND Charter as a statement of intent to provide prompt support to sufferers and their families. The request was made in the hope that adoption of the Charter would lead to a partnership which will help to ensure that the right support is provided to people, when and where it is needed.</p> <p>Councils can play a key part in delivering a number of the points in the Charter - so the Association's 'Champion the Charter' campaign is designed to ensure councils are better informed about the needs of people with MND. Around 76 councils In England, Wales and Northern Ireland have adopted the Charter to date.</p> <p>The MND Charter is at Appendix 1. More details about why councils should adopt the Charter and what it can achieve, are available at these links:</p> <p>http://www.mndcharter.org/the-mnd-charter/#whysould</p> <p>http://www.mndcharter.org/wp-content/uploads/Councillor-guide.pdf</p>

Impact Assessment:	Equalities Impact Assessment: N/a
	Use of Evidence: N/a
	Budget: No direct budget implications have been identified.
	Risk Assessment: N/a
	Outcomes: The detail set out under the five points in the Charter explain what good care 'looks like' for people with MND and their carers.
	Other Implications: N/a
Recommendation	The Cabinet is asked to adopt the Motor Neurone Disease Charter attached at Appendix 1.
Reason for Recommendation	The recommendation supports achievement of the County Council's corporate plan aim to ensure that Dorset residents receive the services they need most.
Appendix	Appendix 1 – The Motor Neurone Disease Charter.
Background Papers	Dorset County Council 19 July 2018 - Public Statement from Dr. Richard Sloan, Chair of the West Dorset Branch of the Motor Neurone Disease Association.
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