

# Adult Social Care Winter Plan 20/21

- The Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) published their national ASC winter plan in September 2020.
- The national plan sets out national support and expectations for local authorities, NHS organisations and care providers.
- Every local authority has to ensure they have a winter plan in place to ensure there are COVID-19 contingencies to ensure local delivery of social care through the challenges of the winter and COVID period.
- Harrow Council has completed its ASC Winter Plan in co-ordination with partner agencies. It has incorporated the recommendations from DHSC.

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- The plan ensures contingency and collaborative work across several key areas including:
  - *Infection Prevention and Control*
  - *Seasonal Flu Vaccinations*
  - *Health and Care Service Joint Work (including discharge planning)*
  - *Supporting people who receive social care and carers*
  - *Supporting the care workforce*
  - *Care market funding and provider sustainability*
  - *Local, regional and national oversight and support*
- The plan is shared with key staff and is continually reviewed and updated and is currently showing key contingencies are in place within Harrow.

# Service Continuity and Care Market Review

- DHSC is carrying out a nationwide review to understand:
  - *the risks to the continuity of the care market*
  - *the contingency plans in place to mitigate those risks*
  - *local needs for support via national and regional arrangements*
- DHSC is supported by the LGA and ADASS to ensure this information is captured as a local and regional level
- Harrow Council has taken part in the review and has submitted key information to present the local view of the above
- The key message is there are identified risks in the market that require national support such as ongoing market funding to ensure provider sustainability and continued infection control via testing, PPE and staff contingency support.