

Loneliness and Social Isolation Select Committee

Hearing 19

Monday 1st October 2018

Witness Guide for Members

Below are suggested themes and questions. They have been provided in advance to the witnesses to allow them to prepare for the types of issues that Members may be interested to explore. All Members are welcome to ask these questions or pose additional ones to the witnesses via the Committee Chairman.

Themes and Questions

Rebecca Jarvis, Head of Strategic Commissioning and Policy, Adult Social Care, Essex County Council

Kirsty O'Callaghan, Head of Strengthening Communities; Wellbeing, Public Health and Communities, Essex County Council

- Please introduce yourselves and provide an outline of the roles and responsibilities that your posts involve.
- In your experience, what are the consequences of loneliness and social isolation on older people?
- What strategies and interventions has Essex County Council put in place to prevent or reduce loneliness and social isolation amongst older people?
- What initiatives and strategies are working particularly well to prevent or reduce the negative impacts of loneliness and social isolation on older residents?
- In your view, what are the key challenges associated with preventing or reducing social isolation and loneliness amongst older people?
- In your opinion, what more can be done, if anything, to prevent or reduce the impact of social isolation and loneliness on older people?
- Are there any other issues, in relation to the review, that you wish to raise with the Committee?