



## EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS - DECISION RECORD

The following decision was taken on : Tuesday, 19th June 2018  
by: -

Councillor Rachael Blake, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care

Date notified to all Members : Tuesday, 19th June 2018

End of the call-in period is 5.00 p.m. on Thursday, 28th June 2018

This decision can be implemented from Friday, 29th June 2018

Present : Councillor Blake, Dr Rupert Suckling

Apologies : None

### 1. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER AND TITLE

**Motor Neurone Disease Charter**

### 2. DECISION TAKEN

To support and endorse the principles set out in the MND charter on behalf of Doncaster Council and encourage that all partner organisations also sign up to it in 2018.

### 3. REASONS FOR DECISION

Motor neurone disease (MND) is a fatal, rapidly progressing disease that affects the brain and spinal cord. It describes a group of diseases affecting the motor nerves or neurones in the brain and spinal cord which pass messages to muscles telling them what to do and consequently attacks the nerves that control movement so muscles no longer work. There is currently no cure. MND kills a third of people within a year and more than half within two years of diagnosis. MND can leave people locked in a failing body unable to move, to talk, to swallow and eventually breathe. MND affects people from all communities and in a person's lifetime the risk of developing MND is 1 in 300 people. It affects up to 5,000 adults in the UK at any one time and on average 6 people are diagnosed every day with the same number losing their lives each and every day.



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The Motor Neurone Disease Association has produced and developed a charter for people and organisations that have contact with sufferers of the disease which sets out standards and expectations in five key areas. The five points of the charter are:

- The right to an early diagnosis and information
- The right to access quality care and treatments
- The right to be treated as individuals and with dignity and respect
- The right to maximise their quality of life
- Carers of people with MND have the right to be valued, respected, listened to and supported.

Adopting the MND charter should reduce any inequality experienced by Doncaster residents with MND.

## **4. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

There is no other alternative to consider as the Motor Neurone Disease Association (MNDA) is the only national charity in England and Wales and Northern Ireland focused on MND care, research and campaigning. By not adopting the charter we will be reinforcing health inequalities in our local population in Doncaster.

## **5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

None.

## **6. IF EXEMPT, REASON FOR EXEMPTION**

There are no exemptions to this report.

## **7. RESPECTIVE DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

Dr Rupert Suckling, Director of Public Health, DMBC

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Chair/Decision Maker