

Summary Sheet

Council Report

Health Select Commission 1 December 2016

Title

Learning Disability –Shaping the Future Update

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?

No

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report

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Ward(s) Affected

All

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List of Appendices Included

None

Background Papers

Learning Disability Commissioning-Shaping the Future- Cabinet and Commissioners' Decision Making Meeting – 10 October 2016

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

No

Council Approval Required

No

Exempt from the Press and Public

No

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1.0 Background

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2.0 Key Issues

2.1 The current offer does not promote independence and is reliant on residential care rather than independent living approach. Further work will also need to be undertaken to support adults to make different choices and to optimise their independence in a safe way. There are a limited number of supported living providers and currently no framework for supported living. This has restricted genuine choice and has led to an inconsistency in pricing which needs to be addressed.

2.2 The connection between services for children and adults with Learning Disabilities needs to be strengthened to ensure continuity in meeting needs particularly in transition. The recent development of Joint Transition meetings and Transition Board is welcome to accelerate this work across Adult Care and Children and Young People's Services.

2.3 Ensuring everyone with a Learning Disability has more control over all aspects of their life and everyone with a Learning Disability is able to reach their potential with the right support at the right time. The Speak Up grant activity will strongly support this. An independent voice championing the agenda through peers will be effective and will enable the co-production of solutions that focus on independence such as travel training and employment support. This will also provide credibility to the strategic narrative, whilst at the same time providing constructive challenge.

2.4 Ensuring a joint approach to commissioning services across health and social care will reduce duplication, confusion and cross-agency issues. The statutory and policy drivers for strategic commissioning of Learning Disability services will require a significant programme of work over next three years. This will necessitate internal and external stakeholders across Rotherham to work closely together to make the most of Rotherham's resources. It will require a programme management approach to ensure each key area is properly managed and that identified outcomes are delivered.

3.0 Activity since 10 October

3.1 The Market Position Statement submitted on 10 October was a near final draft version. This has subsequently been updated with a more accurate picture of the Rotherham cohort and various financial data. The quality of presentation has also been improved with additional design from Communications colleagues. The final version of the Market Position Statement will be published on the Council's website in December and this version will be circulated widely.

3.2 Speak Up have been awarded £50,000 grant and have commenced a programme of work which will support the overall direction of travel for Learning Disability services. The grant award has been underpinned by service specification for the delivery of a work programme. This also details expectations as to the areas of expenditure under the grant.

3.3 A positive initial meeting took place with Sheffield City Council last month to progress activity on a Supported Living Framework. This will lead to a formal work programme to facilitate the required tender activity and provider selection process during 2017.

3.4 Adult Care and Housing prepared and submitted a funding bid for £821,600 to the Housing and Care Technology Fund administered by the Department of Health on 28 October. The bid was to support the development of specialist housing and assistive technology for people with Learning Disabilities and Autism in Rotherham. To date feedback on the success of the bid has not yet been received from the Department of Health.

3.5 The tender for John Street and Oak Close has been published on YOURtender and it is envisaged that the service provision will be awarded to a new provider in February 2017, with a view to the transition taking place in March and hand over 1 April. Customers, carers and families will be actively involved in the provider selection process.

3.6 The high cost placement activity has to date delivered £165,000 savings from reviewing the cost of care packages delivered by independent sector providers and also reviewing individual's eligibility for receipt of Continuing Healthcare Funding. This is an ongoing programme of work.