

LEARNING DISABILITY JOINT COMMISSIONING STRATEGY

To: **Cabinet**

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From: **Executive Director: Children, Families and Adults**

Electoral division(s): **All**

Forward Plan ref: **N/A** *Key decision:* **No**

Purpose: **This report sets out the background to and content of the Learning Disability Joint Commissioning Strategy for approval by Cabinet.**

Recommendation: **Cabinet are recommended to approve the Learning Disability Joint Commissioning Strategy.**

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Learning Disability Joint Commissioning Strategy has been developed in partnership with all major stakeholders and has involved extensive consultation with service users; family carers; the Learning Disability Partnership; Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG); County Council staff; provider organisations and other interested parties. Comments and suggestions from these consultations have been incorporated into the Strategy. The Strategy also addresses the implications of the Winterbourne View concordat and includes the findings of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, which was completed in May 2013. The Strategy was approved by the Learning Disability Partnership Board in March 2013; the Adult Social Care Management Team in July 2013 and the Strategic Management Team in December 2013.
- 1.2 The purpose of the Strategy is to analyse current provision in Cambridgeshire and define the way forward in order to provide the best possible services for people with learning disabilities and their families. Given the demographic and financial challenges facing the Council, it is critical to provide a clear framework for the future development of services.
- 1.3 The County Council is the lead commissioner for learning disability services, which are funded through a pooled budget arrangement with the CCG. Both the CCG and the County Council contribute to the pooled budget and therefore this is a strategy for both health and social care. The Strategy has successfully completed the appropriate approval process within the CCG. This includes approval by Dr Caroline Lea-Cox, who was the CCG clinical lead for learning disabilities up until December 2013. It has also been approved by the CCG learning disabilities commissioner, the Executive Team and the Local Commissioning Group GP mental health and learning disability leads.
- 1.4 The Strategy is available as **Appendix 1** alongside this report on the County Council's website and in the bundle of supporting documents for this meeting, sent separately to Cabinet members and placed in all Group rooms. An executive summary of the Strategy is attached as **Appendix 2**.

2. MAIN ISSUES

- 2.1 The main body of the Strategy describes the current provision of services and the direction of travel required in order to meet current and likely future challenges. It encapsulates a number of themes which reflect the following local priorities:
- a) Safeguarding adults with vulnerabilities from abuse and discrimination
 - b) Promoting health, well-being, quality of life and independence at an individual, family and community level, and addressing the range of factors that impact on this
 - c) Promoting choice and control with particular emphasis on engagement, prevention and localism.
- 2.2 The Strategy proposes three primary ways of achieving these priorities within the current challenging financial environment:

- a) Preventing people with emerging vulnerabilities from needing to use the more and most expensive services
- b) Progression, which involves systematic and focused multi-disciplinary work that promotes independence and encourages users towards greater independence
- c) Reducing unit costs, which includes requiring providers to find efficiency savings; increasing income and charges; workforce changes and rationalisation and rigorous review and reduction of high cost placements, especially those based outside of Cambridgeshire.

2.3 There are action plans linked to the Strategy which cover a shorter time scale than the three year 'life' of the Strategy and which detail how the aims will be achieved. The action plans reflect the service and work plans of the Learning Disability Partnership's integrated social care and health teams; the CCG; the learning disability services provided by the County Council itself and the Autism Consortium, and incorporate the County Council's response to the Winterbourne Concordat.

3. ALIGNMENT WITH PRIORITIES AND WAYS OF WORKING

3.1 Developing the local economy for the benefit of all

The following bullet points set out details of implications identified by officers:

- Reducing out of county placements will mean more funding is spent within Cambridgeshire
- Developing services in Cambridgeshire will mean employing more local people.

3.2 Helping people live healthy and independent lives

The following bullet point sets out details of implications identified by officers:

- Developing person-centred services will improve the health and well being of people with learning disabilities and help them to lead more independent lives.

3.3 Supporting and protecting vulnerable people

The following bullet point sets out details of implications identified by officers:

- The strategy aims to improve the support and protection available to people with learning disabilities who may also have mental health problems, challenging behaviour and may be on the autistic spectrum.

3.4 Ways of working

The following bullet points set out implications identified by officers for:

Developing our Leadership Role

- By implementing the strategy we will be taking the lead role in Cambridgeshire in partnership with the CCG and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Foundation Trust.

Working at the Local Level

- Developing services locally that people need will improve the local community infrastructure.

Investing in Growth

- The Strategy does not involve significant new investment but does include a switch of funding from out of county services to services which are based in Cambridgeshire.

4. SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Resource and Performance Implications

The following bullet points set out details of significant implications identified by officers:

- The Strategy sets out the vision for learning disability services for the next three years. The vision will be realised by the commitment of resources through service plans and action plans that will be agreed through the Council's business planning process. As such the strategy itself does not commit the Council to any additional expenditure.

4.2 Statutory, Risk and Legal Implications

The following bullet points set out details of significant implications identified by officers:

- The Strategy demonstrates the Council's commitment to national policy drivers and statutory guidance such as 'Valuing People Now' (Department of Health 2009), 'Putting People First' (Department of Health 2007) and 'Our Health Our Care Our Say' (Department of Health 2006), which aim to improve access to services and enhance the independence of people with a learning disability.

4.3 Equality and Diversity Implications

The following bullet points set out details of significant implications identified by officers:

- By implementing the Strategy a group of people who are often marginalised and potentially vulnerable will have improved access to services and be included in local communities. The Strategy evidences the Council's commitment to its duties under the Equality Act 2010. The Community Impact Assessment is attached as **Appendix 3** and demonstrates the impact of the Strategy is positive.

4.4 Engagement and Consultation Implications

The following bullet points set out details of significant implications identified by officers:

The following people and groups have been consulted on the Strategy:

- Service Users who have a Learning Disability
- Family Carers of Learning Disabled Adults
- Learning Disability Partnership Board
- Adult Social Care Management Team
- Strategic Management Team
- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCG

The outcome of the consultations was positive support for the proposed response.

4.5 Public Health Implications

The following bullet point sets out details of significant implications identified by officers:

- The Strategy aims to improve health and wellbeing, increase independence and improve access to services for a group of people who are often marginalised and vulnerable.

Source Documents	Location
None	N/A