

## **Appendix 2**

### **Learning Disability Commissioning Strategy – Executive Summary**

Cambridgeshire County Council and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group, working together as the Cambridgeshire Learning Disability Partnership have produced this commissioning strategy with input from service users, carers, local GPs, service providers and other professionals working in learning disability services.

This strategy builds on the vision, values and principles set out in the Cambridgeshire's Shaping Our Future – A Framework for Action: Transforming Adult Social Care in Cambridgeshire through Personalisation which has a golden thread linking to the Integrated Plan and the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA).

Shaping our Future embodies the national direction of travel set out in the 'Putting People First' concordat (Dec 2007), which can be equally applied to all citizens. Themes have been developed in this document to provide a sound foundation from which to incorporate the main elements of 'Valuing People Now' (2009), and to then develop specific action plans for people with learning disabilities living in Cambridgeshire.

The Integrated Plan 2011-2012 outlined the Learning Disability Partnership's long-term vision, the strategic priorities and planned activity for the next five years. The 3 key priorities being:

1. Supporting and protecting people when they need it most
2. Helping people to live independent and healthy lives in their communities
3. Developing our local economy for the benefit of all

Relevant to this strategy are the plans for services provided by the Children, Families and Adult Services Directorate. These are underpinned by the Council priorities as follows:

- Safeguarding adults with vulnerabilities from abuse and discrimination and ensure they are treated with dignity and respect
- 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
- Promoting choice and control with particular emphasis on engagement, prevention and localism

The Council is facing exceptional financial challenges. There are 3 primary ways in which Adult Social Care can make savings and efficiencies:

- a) Preventing people with emerging vulnerabilities from needing to make use of the most expensive services
- b) Transformation – systematic and focused multi-disciplinary work that proactively helps users to regain independence and their abilities
- c) Reduce unit costs:
  - require providers to find efficiency savings
  - increase income and charges
  - workforce changes and rationalisation
  - rigorous review and reduction of high cost placements

This strategy will seek to achieve these priorities and respond to the challenging transformation agenda, working with key partners to ensure more effective working to ensure that services are delivered and efficiencies are found across different organisations. Further we will aim to establish how 'Valuing People' (Department of Health, 2001) and 'Valuing People Now' (Department of Health 2009) will be implemented in line with the outcomes outlined in the White Paper 'Our Health, Our Care, Our Say' (Department of Health, 2006).

The strategy has also been reviewed and endorsed by GP representatives of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). It will build upon the original vision for 'World Class Commissioning' (2007) by commissioning services which deliver better health and well-being for all, better care for all, and better value for all. This can be more easily achieved by having a strategic vision based on clear outcomes.

Locally, the CCG strategy to tackle health inequalities has key strategic objectives with some outcome targets, which are very closely aligned to the Learning Disabilities strategy, these are around:

Access to a healthy lifestyle

Access to services

Access to information