

COVID-19 EMERGENCY PLANNING HIGHLIGHT REPORT

SERVICE AREAS:	Adults and Safeguarding
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REPORTING PERIOD:	Period Ending 3 July 2020
NEW GUIDANCE AND IMPACT	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- No new guidance- We are currently waiting for guidance on re opening day services and Discharge to Assess to be published but making pragmatic decisions on a local basis in the meantime based on feedback from service users and carers and our experience- The implementation of the Liberty of Protections Safeguards is not now expected until 2021 rather than in September 2020 as expected. This means that the Councils will not benefit from a more streamlined system or be able to reduce costs associated with the current process any further at this stage	
NEW CHALLENGES AND ACTIVITY	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Continuing to deliver Discharge to Assess when NHS funding is reduced and intermediate care capacity is reduced. We are working with NHS partners to address this as we anticipate the rate of discharge from hospital to increase as non Covid related services are resumed- Discharging patients who are Covid positive and can't be isolated in a residential setting- the need for a 'step down' facility is still under discussion- Ensuring that the Section 75 for Occupational Therapy delivered by CPFT is resumed to ensure prevention and admission avoidance- Increased demand for respite care from carers of people with learning disabilities	
RECOVERY ACTIVITY	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Access to care home placements in urgent and unplanned circumstances. We were having difficulty placing people in care homes from the community as homes were requesting that people were tested for Covid 19 prior to admission. Discussions have progressed with providers and given that most homes retain a supply of tests on site we now have agreement with two homes to accept people from the community without a test who are able to comply with isolation and who were at low risk of being exposed to Covid 19 in the community. Clients will be tested immediately on entry.- A risk checklist has been developed for day services to be used with both in house and external provisions as a tool for consideration on when and how to re-open. Specific infection control guidance is being developed with Public Health. All users of Learning Disability day services are being contacted by practitioners to run through a guided conversation to explore experiences during lock down, risks and preferences for return or alternatives.- (PCC and CCC) have been accepted to be part of a really timely development pilot of a virtual support provider app. The pilot is part funded by the LGA's Social Care Digital Innovation Accelerator programme. Our pilot will be one of five pilot areas. Five service users from Peterborough Day Opportunities (LD Day Services) and five service users from the CCC Adults and Autism Team in Cambridgeshire will be selected to trial the AutonoMe at Home app within their homes and with their families. The app provides guided tutorials and prompts for daily living activities in the home https://www.autono.me.uk/	
DECISIONS MADE SINCE LAST REPORTING PERIOD	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- JMT has agreed that given the level of interest in Reablement posts in PCC and CCC we should over recruit if the opportunity arises - in anticipation of turnover and future demand on social care and the need for Reablement to continue to operate as the 'provider of last resort'	

NEW FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS SINCE LAST REPORTING PERIOD

- Transforming Care Grant for 2021/22 received to cover costs of actions needed to avoid people with Learning Disabilities getting delayed in hospital. This covers PCC and CCC Transforming Care Partnership.

WORKFORCE CHANGES

- Risk Assessments are being carried out in relation to staff who are vulnerable due to their health status and who we would like to return to work if it is safe to do so and risk can be managed
- The majority of those risk assessments have been positive and we expect most staff to return to work and referrals have been made to occupational health if any additional advice is needed.
- Once we have completed risk assessments for 'vulnerable' staff we will start a similar process for shielded staff and look for lower risk/ alternative roles if they cannot return to front line work

COMMUNICATIONS

- Adult Leadership Forum – Adults and Safeguarding are part through a series of virtual leadership sessions, giving all adults managers the opportunity to join Zoom workshops with their peers and led by a member of Adults Management Team. Each workshop has explored feedback gathered from recent staff surveys and has looked at changes in different demand assumptions through the COVID pandemic - Independence, Carers, Care & Support, Changing Needs and Technology.
- The Mental Capacity Act/ Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards Team have had an article published in Community Care