



ADULT CARE AND HEALTH OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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REPORT TITLE	Commissioning Plan for the support of People with a Disability 2019/20.
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REPORT SUMMARY

This report describes the commissioning plan for health, care and support services for people with a disability in Wirral for 2019/20. It follows a verbal update to the Adults Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee in November 2018.

The plan supports the commitment to protecting the most vulnerable, and to Wirral residents who have a disability.

The Wirral Plan Pledges “People with disabilities live independently”, “Wirral residents live healthier lives”, “Vulnerable children reach their full potential”, and “Older people live well” underpin the commissioning plan.

The Transforming Care Programme describes the need to develop alternative support for people with a disability in order that they can receive the support that they need to live independently in their own homes and within their own communities, with person centred care, rather than receiving hospital care or care in a clinical environment where this is not appropriate. The commissioning plan for people with a disability will contribute to the Transforming Care Agenda.

Wirral Health and Care Commissioning will ensure that the Council and the CCG effectively deliver their Health and Care functions and duties in a more joined up way, with services commissioned for people with a disability being funded from a pooled budget and commissioned jointly where this makes sense to do so.

The work to deliver better outcomes for people with a disability, and specifically with a learning disability, is brought together under a single work stream as part of the Healthy Wirral Plan and associated programme management. The commissioning plan forms a key part of this.

RECOMMENDATION/S

It is recommended that the Adult Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee note this report and the commissioning plan for people with a disability.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

N/A

2 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

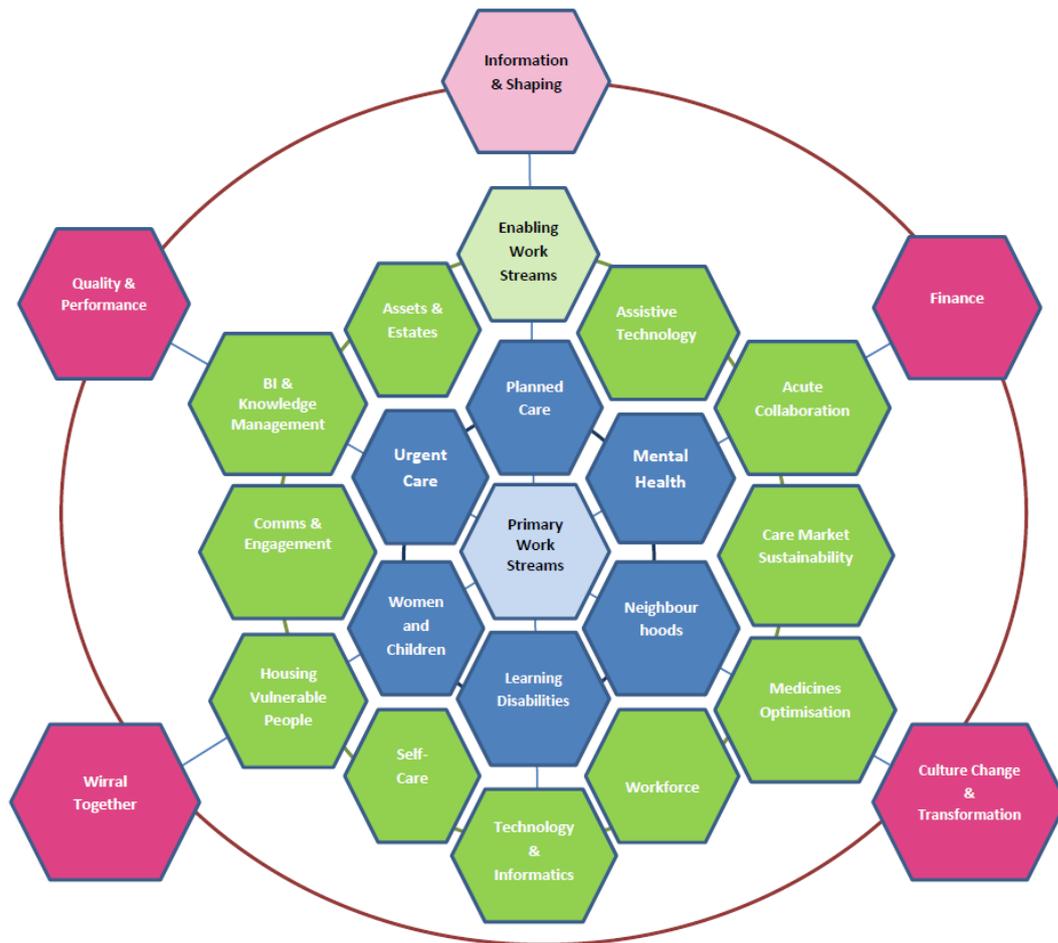
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3 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 Health and social care services play an important role in enabling people with a disability to maintain independence and keep well in Wirral. The inter-dependency between health and care systems has become increasingly clear over recent years. Nationally, Councils are faced with increasing demand on social care services which presents as a challenge to meet within the available resources. Local Authorities and NHS providers are increasingly working to integrate social care and health services locally to provide both sustainability and a better experience for people who use those services.
- 3.2 Wirral Council currently supports over 700 people who have a learning disability.
- 3.3 Wirral Health and Care Commissioning, as a single commissioner, will enable the health and care system to use Wirral's resources to jointly create a sustainable health and care system for people with a disability.
- 3.4 As an integrated commissioning body, this offers the opportunity to deliver a single comprehensive commissioning plan, and to make commissioning decisions that are in the interests of the whole system.
- 3.5 Both the Council and CCG face financial pressures and require efficiencies to be delivered in 2019/20. The Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy requires a further £2M of efficiencies to be made in 2019/20, the third year of a four year efficiency target for disability services. The CCG will continue to require efficiencies

as part of the Quality Improvement Performance and Prevention (QIPP) programme.

3.6 Learning Disability is a key workstream in the Healthy Wirral Plan and the commission plan for people with a disability contributes to the delivery of the Healthy Wirral objectives.



The programme of work in relation to disability commissioning is monitored through the healthy Wirral Programme Management Office and the related documentation is contained within the project management system used, VERTO. The “plan on a page” for learning Disability is attached for reference in Appendix 1.

3.7 The Commissioning plan for people with a disability for 2019 includes the following planned activity with estimated efficiencies;

Commissioning Accommodation-Based Support (£0.6m)

The following four schemes create efficiencies by promoting accommodation-based support as a more independence-focused and cost-effective alternative to traditional residential and nursing care:

- Extra Care development at Old Chester Road (20 units; estimated start date October 2019). This will create a part-year efficiency in 19/20 and a full-year saving thereafter.
- Spital Road development (6 high-dependency placements, expected to deliver a full-year saving in 19/20)
- Fusion Centre (8 units; currently in discussion with CQC regarding registration requirements).
- Use of Assistive Technology as an enabler to independence and consequently reductions in care provision.

Improving Performance and Promoting Independence (£0.4m)

These four schemes are designed to ensure that complex cases are reviewed on a regular basis, to ensure that people are receiving the right level of care:

- Wider roll-out of outcome-based commissioning of supported living
- Ensuring all packages of care are reviewed annually, in line with Care Act duties
- Review of commissioning of block hours
- Use of Assistive Technology as an enabler to independence and consequent reductions in care provision.

Standardising Practice and System Integration (£0.2m)

Ensuring that best practice is delivered consistently across the department will deliver further efficiencies in 2019/20; this includes the roll-out of Trusted Assessor in the domiciliary care market:

- Implementing a core-and-spot model of care provision across all supported living providers
- Implementation of 'payment on actuals' across all accommodation-based services
- Provider-led review of provision of additional hours of flexible support within residential and nursing settings.

Commissioning Preventative Services to Maximise Wellbeing (£0.1m)

Preventative services are a key element of delivering affordable care and ensuring that care costs are kept at a manageable level in the future, as well as helping to reduce pressure on the NHS. The following schemes have been proposed in order to help achieve this:

- Effective commissioning of preventative services for complex individuals (Supporting People)

- Home-sharing pilot
- Use of Assistive Technology as an enabler to independence and consequent reductions in care provision.
- Development of a Community Learning Disability Intensive Support Services.
- Ensuring a sustainable planned and unplanned respite care offer for people with a disability.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Council's budget for Learning Disability as part of the pooled budget arrangement in 2018/19 is £39.3M. The commissioning plan for people with a disability will contribute towards the delivery of £2M efficiencies for the Council in 2019/20, the third year of a four year efficiency target totalling £16M. The remainder of the required efficiencies will be achieved through a variety of demand management measures undertaken by provider social care delivery partners. The plan will also contribute to the CCG's QIPP requirement for 2019/20

5 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The statutory duties placed on the Council will continue to rest with the Council and with the Council's Director of Health and Care, Director of Public Health and Director of Children's Services.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

N/A

7 RELEVANT RISKS

N/A

8 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

8.1 The Wirral Plan, All Age Disability Strategy and Transforming Care Programme have been subject to significant engagement and consultation. The arrangements for commissioning of services for people with a disability do not require consultation in themselves.

9 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There is no relevance to equality as the arrangements for commissioning services for people with a disability will achieve an overall improvement in the experience of people who use services.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Healthy Wirral Plan on a Page: Learning Disability

REFERENCE MATERIAL

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Joint Strategic Commissioning Board (Report)	4 December 2018
Health and Wellbeing Board (Report)	14 November 2018
Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Report)	20 March 2018
Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Verbal Update)	27 November 2018
Care and health Overview and Scrutiny Committee Budget Workshop	6 December 2018