



Northumberland

County Council

COMMITTEE CABINET

DATE: 11 JUNE 2019

TITLE OF REPORT Adult Services Market Position Statement
Report of Executive Director of Adults and Children's Services
Cabinet Member: Veronica Jones

Purpose of report

To present the Adult Services Market Position Statement (MPS) for Care and Support, revised following public consultation.

Recommendations

Cabinet is asked to ratify the revised Market Position Statement and agree to publication.

Link to Corporate Plan

This report is relevant to the Living priority in the NCC Corporate Plan 2018-2021.

Key issues

1. Local authorities have a statutory duty under The Care Act 2014 to promote the efficient and effective operation of a market in services for meeting care and support needs.
2. Statutory guidance says that, to fulfil this duty, local authorities should produce a MPS.
3. The draft MPS was presented to Informal Cabinet on 8 May 2018 to confirm agreement to publish the draft for consultation.
4. The consultation on the draft MPS ran from May 2018 until August 2018 and included consultation event with stakeholders, care and housing providers.
5. Feedback was generally positive and well received. The main points raised from the consultation were about processes to develop services to meet the need highlighted in the MPS.
6. Where appropriate revisions have been included in the MPS to reflect the consultation responses received.

Background

1. The Care Act 2014 introduced a statutory duty for local authorities to promote the efficient and effective operation of a market in services for meeting care and support needs, aiming to ensure that anyone in its area, whether or not their support is funded by the local authority, has a choice of providers and of high quality services. Authorities are

required to consider current and likely future demand for services, the sustainability of the market and how to foster continuous improvement and innovation.

2. Statutory guidance issued under the Care Act 2014 says that, to fulfil this duty, local authorities should produce a “Market Position Statement”, whose functions may include signalling to the market as a whole the likely need to extend or expand services, encouraging new entrants to the market in their area, or if appropriate, signalling likely decrease in needs – the guidance gives as examples drawing attention to a possible reduction in care home needs, or changes in demand resulting from increasing uptake of direct payments.
3. The Market Position Statement (MPS) in the papers for this meeting is a revision following consultation and includes a section on the ‘Next Steps’ in meeting the demand for services highlighted in the document.
4. Because the Council commissions NHS Continuing Health Care (CHC) services on behalf of the Clinical Commissioning Group, the MPS covers the commissioning of both social care and CHC services, which in many cases are delivered by the same providers. Relevant gross spending on services is therefore in excess of £130m/year.
5. Among the most significant issues covered in the MPS are:
 - a. Developing more housing schemes which can support people to remain as independent as possible and reduce the number of people needing care home accommodation – with a particular priority for people with dementia.
 - b. Improving autism services, and reducing the use of hospital accommodation for people with challenging behaviour.
 - c. Opportunities to bid for contracts to deliver services.
 - d. Plans to commission new day services and support for carers.

Implications

Policy	The MPS links to council strategies including the JSNA and the Extra Care and Supported Housing Strategy.
Finance and value for money	The MPS sets out the council commissioning intentions for Adult Social Care services and the financial resources available to meet demand.
Legal	None
Procurement	Contracts for services will be awarded in line with procurement regulations and requirement.
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities (Impact	

Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Risk Assessment	N/A
Crime & Disorder	N/A
Customer Consideration	The MPS was issued for public consultation. Consultation events were held with stakeholders, care providers and housing providers. The MPS was discussed as care provider fora and circulated to community groups and partners.
Carbon reduction	N/A
Wards	All

Background papers:

Revised Market Position Statement

Report sign off.

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