

ADULT CARE AND WELL BEING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

23 MAY 2016

LEARNING DISABILITY DAY SERVICES

Summary

1. The Adult Care and Well-being Overview and Scrutiny Panel is to be updated on services for adults with learning disabilities.
2. Representatives from those who commission and provide services have been invited to the meeting, as well as those who use services.

Background

3. Services for adults with learning disability services is part of the Panel's remit.
4. Recent scrutiny of services for this sector have included development of supported living facilities and a progress update on transforming care for people with complex needs, as part of the Winterbourne View multi-agency action plan (a private hospital in Bristol for people with learning disabilities and autism), following the 2011 Panorama TV programme exposal of abuse of patients there.
5. Day Services for those with learning disabilities was also subject to more in-depth review in 2012 by some panel members, including the Vice-Chair, through a scrutiny review of learning disability day services. Panel members reviewed and informed the Council's proposals to shift services away from traditional day centres, to a more community based approach. Essentially, the aim of the model was to encourage and support adults with learning disabilities to be as independent and self-supporting as possible, which reflects national policy.
6. Whilst strongly supporting the need for more appropriate settings, activities and employment/volunteering opportunities for those with low needs, the 2012 scrutiny identified concerns around the long-term viability of the Council's model for those with complex needs, and the scope of appropriate, quality, affordable activities within the community. The scrutiny also pointed out the importance of town centre locations for activities, careful management of the transition for this vulnerable group, and the need to monitor what happened to service users as a result of the changes.

Services provided

7. Following a comprehensive transformation programme LD Day Services are being delivered in line with all previously agreed Cabinet Member Decisions with the exception of Droitwich which will be in place in October 2016.
8. Resource Centre services provide improved support for people with profound and multiple disabilities and complex needs in specialist resource centres.
9. GOLD (Getting Old with a Learning Disability) - Specialist support for older people with a learning disability including those with dementia.
10. Connect – community based support programme with drop-in services, improved access to employment, training, volunteering opportunities and universal services.

Legal, Financial, and HR Implications

11. The delivery of the LD Day Services Transformation Programme has been delivered within budget. Ongoing financial remodelling is in place to ensure efficient use of available resources.
12. No staff redundancies have resulted from the Transformation Programme.

Equality and Diversity Implications

13. All Equality Impact Assessments have been appropriately scrutinised and mitigating actions put into place as required.

Purpose of the meeting

14. Following the discussion, panel members are asked to determine whether any further information or scrutiny work is required at this stage.

Supporting Information

- Appendix 1 - Cabinet Member Decision 16 October 2014
 - Council Provided Day Services for Adults with a Learning Disability: Assessment and Support Planning Assurance (North & South)
- Appendix 2 - Cabinet Member Decision 23 February 2015
 - Council Provided Day Services for Adults with a Disability: Assessment and Support Planning Assurance (Evesham & Pershore)

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Head of Legal and Democratic Services) the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

- Agendas and Minutes of the Adult Care and Well-being Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 12 May 2015 and 24 June 2016 – [available here](#)
- Learning Disability day Services Scrutiny (October 2012) [available here](#)