

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ADULT CARE & HEALTH CABINET PANEL

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**JOINT COMMISSIONING STRATEGY FOR LEARNING DISABILITIES
2019 – 2024 – THE BIG PLAN**

Report of the Director of Adult Care Services

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1. Purpose of report

1.1 The current Joint Commissioning Strategy for Learning Disabilities ends in March 2019. This report is to inform panel of the new Learning Disability Joint Commissioning Strategy as of April 2019 – March 2024.

2. Summary

2.1 The current Joint Commissioning Strategy (2015 – 2018) was presented to Members at the Adult Care & Health Panel on 7 May 2014. As the current strategy is now at its conclusion, Members are invited to note and comment on the future strategic direction of learning disability services for Health and Social Care prior to the report being presented to Cabinet.

2.2 The report outlines the how the new strategy has been arrived at through key partnership working with stakeholders including people with learning disabilities; their families; officers of the council and clinical commissioning groups (CCG's), service providers and the wider community culminating in a 12 week public consultation which ended on the 9 November 2018.

2.3 Everything within the strategy is in line with council, Adult Care Services and the CCG's strategic planning and vision for people with a learning disability.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 Panel is asked to note and comment on the report and request to Cabinet that Cabinet agree that the council implement the new Learning Disability Joint Commissioning Strategy April 2019 – March 2024 across Hertfordshire in partnership with both East & North Herts CCG and Herts Valleys CCG.
- 3.2 The Panel's recommendation to Cabinet will be reported orally at the Cabinet meeting and circulated to Members in the Order of Business sheet.

4. Background

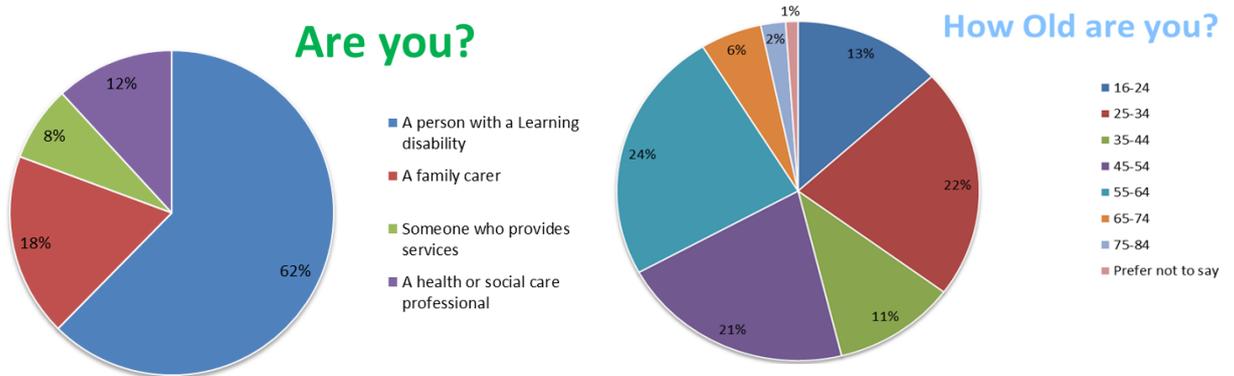
- 4.1 Known as 'The Big Plan for learning disabilities', this strategy will be covering the next 5 years (2019 – 2024). With our commitment to people and families, the agreement of the council, CCG's and the Learning Disability strategy task & finish group (community commissioning and Adult Disability Services operations group) it was agreed that a big plan would be written in a high level, easy read format and a more detailed annual implementation/action plan would be produced. This decision was also supported by a coproduction statement and the engagement process launched at May's Learning Disability Partnership Board (LDPB).
- 4.2 The Big Plan had been developed from engagement and feedback to an outline draft drawn up from a range of activities including three years data from an annual questionnaire, a stocktake workshop held with the Learning Disability Partnership Board and various discussion events.
- 4.3 Following the engagement process, in line with Hertfordshire Compact agreement, a 12 week consultation period has now ended and feedback has been collated.
- 4.4 The Big Plan is divided into three key outcome areas
 - Healthy lives
 - Living locally
 - Connected lives in the community
- 4.5 The draft strategy discussed key actions that would need to take place to achieve outcomes within each of these headings. Whilst the strategy did not describe existing work plans and priorities, the principles behind a number of council and CCG key work areas have been included.

5. Consultation Feedback

5.1 Quantitative:

Total number of responses: 95

It was not anticipated that we would get a huge response to the consultation given the high level of engagement that took place prior to the consultation.



71% of people returned their questionnaire by post; 29% on the council's portal.

89% of the respondents were white British.

5.2 Qualitative:

Limited changes were required in terms of the strategy and the wording itself. A glossary of terms and an appendices with links to other relevant strategies and policies have been developed that will be included to the strategy.

The significant observation from the feedback provided was the repeated request to know how to get information about services. This theme ran consistently throughout all three outcome areas but was particularly linked to 'connected lives in the community'. People have commented on the lack of places to go to find out what activities are available, where they are based and how information is provided (in an appropriate format). This raises the need to consider how existing commissioned services are publicised and runs throughout as a theme within the action plan.

The action plan, attached as Appendix 2 to this report has been populated to indicate key activity that will be worked on over the course of the next year in line with the Strategy. This document will also be put into easy-read format.

5.3 Alongside sign off from members, the strategy will be presented to both CCG's for sign off.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are no direct financial implications. Making things better for people with learning disabilities depends on building self-help and community support. Using money differently and trying new ways to do things rather than just spending more money.
- 6.2 Hertfordshire continues to have joint commissioning/pooled budget arrangements for learning disabilities.

7. Risk implications

- 7.1 The current strategy ends March 2019, as we have joint commissioning arrangements for Learning Disabilities we require a strategy to be in place that is in line with these arrangements. The strategy is high level and in line with council, CCG and national strategic direction. Strategy actions will be captured in the action plan that will be reviewed and annually refreshed.

8. Equalities Implications

- 8.1 When considering proposals placed before Members it is important that they are fully aware of, and have themselves rigorously considered the equalities implications of the decision that they are taking.
- 8.2 Rigorous consideration will ensure that proper appreciation of any potential impact of that decision on the County Council's statutory obligations under the Public Sector Equality Duty. As a minimum this requires decision makers to read and carefully consider the content of any Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) produced by officers.
- 8.3 The Equality Act 2010 requires the Council when exercising its functions to have due regard to the need to (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited under the Act; (b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it and (c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it. The protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010 are age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion and belief, sex and sexual orientation.
- 8.4 An Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) has been undertaken and this is annexed at Appendix 3. There are no implications for any persons with protected characteristics.

Background Information

Adult Care & Health Panel - 7 May 2014

<https://democracy.hertfordshire.gov.uk/CeListDocuments.aspx?Committeed=207&MeetingId=310&DF=07%2f05%2f2014&Ver=2>