



## **Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board**

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### **Update on Supporting People and Adult Social Care Commissioning**

#### **1. Adult Social Care Commissioning**

- 1.1 Temporary arrangements in place with Supporting People (SP) Team covering Adult Social Care (ASC) commissioning until end of March 2013. The structure from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 will depend on the progress and implications of acquisition process and a business case is being developed for the DASS. Currently micro commissioning and contract monitoring of individual care packages takes place operationally within the provider trust. This includes support for individuals purchasing their own care through direct payments and personal budgets. The Council can be seen as the strategic commissioner for social care.
- 1.2 To ensure governance and accountability for commissioning is clear roles and responsibilities will be considered as the annual strategic agreement between Torbay Council and TSDHCT is developed.
- 1.3 Strategic commissioning responsibility includes, overall market analyses and development as well as setting strategic direction in line with cross-organisational health and wellbeing priorities for Torbay leading to joint commissioning agreements and shared resourcing of commissioning activity across the Council (children's, public health, adult social care and supporting people) and health (through the CCG). Some of the roles currently located in TSDHCT, such as performance management, procurement and finance, support both strategic and micro, day to day commissioning.
- 1.4 Priorities for ASC commissioning include:
  - Develop market position statement for adult social care
  - Supporting people to remain independent at home: Re-specify & procure outcomes-based domiciliary care as outcomes-based community care and support reablement and recovery service
  - Work with DPT and CCG to address care and support needs for people with poor mental health
  - Review arrangements in place for 'people who challenge' in enhanced AQP, including people with autism Evaluate success of new supported employment contract
  - Review day opportunities contract & performance
  - Specify and procure community equipment services with CCG

- Personal budgets: Increase uptake of personal budgets/direct payments through implementation of pre-payment cards
- Deliver planned extra care housing schemes
- Residential and nursing care: work with CCG and neighbouring authorities to develop future models of commissioning based on individual outcomes
- Support refresh & Implementation of dementia strategy
- Develop specification for community learning disability service
- Review advice, advocacy and information services (including IMCA/IMHCA) consider potential for cross Devon commissioning

## **2. Supporting People commissioning**

- 2.1 The Council service review for supporting people resulted in a request to assess the impact of a 25% budget reduction across commissioned services. The current annual budget for Supporting People is £5,913,000 pa, a 25% budget cut will reduce this to £4,434,750.
- 2.2 The impact of ending some services and re-procuring others represents a significant reduction in the provision of Supporting People services, with the loss of up to 150 units of support. There is likely to be an impact on the use of other high cost services, due to the preventative nature of Supporting People services. This may lead to increased demand and statutory spend in the following areas:
- Use of adult social care
  - Use of mental health services
  - Impact on homelessness and use of temporary accommodation
- 2.3 Budgets for older people (£500,000) and domestic abuse (£225,000) have not been included because both service areas are due to be re-modelled in partnership with adult social care, health, children's services and public health. The staff capacity in SP is being used to cover ASC commissioning until the end of March 2013.

## **3. Joint Commissioning**

- 3.1 Initial discussion between Council and CCG to scope opportunity for joint commissioning arrangements and function across the two organisations has been held. It is felt that there is efficiency and merit in collaborative working and a proposed work programme of priorities being drafted for wider consideration as well as lead arrangements. This will also look to the linkage with Devon County Council for the southern part of Devon.