

Meeting: Overview and Scrutiny

Date: 26 September 2018

Wards Affected: All

Report Title: Living Well with a Learning Disability in Devon

Is the decision a key decision? No

When does the decision need to be implemented? as soon as possible

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1. Proposal and Introduction

- 1.1 The attached draft strategy has been developed through the collaboration of partners in the STP Learning Disability and Autism programme. This strategy builds on the progress made since the publication of our previous joint strategy 2014-2017 and sets out our refreshed approach to improving the lives of adults who have a learning disability in wider Devon. It is deliberately high level in setting out the strategic intentions and desired outcomes for people with a learning disability in Devon to live well and thrive. The draft strategy that has been subject to engagement and includes the strategic themes from the STP 2 year update, but predates the System Strategy on a page. Nevertheless this strategy aligns with the five ambitious goals (from the “strategy on a page”) in setting out a vision based on 7 keys to citizenship together with key areas of focus that would enable these system goals to be realised. Further detail on implementation plans are described in the STP LD Programme mandate document and specific plans covering housing, market analysis, workforce and meeting the needs of people with complex needs through the Transforming Care Programme.
- 1.2 Equally it is acknowledged that the activity of other STP programmes will contribute to the aims described in this strategy, e.g. the Children & Young People’s Programme with regard to effective and integrated SEND provision including planning for transition.
- 1.3 Although there are common themes regarding promoting independence and enhanced access to mainstream services, the specific needs of people with autism are addressed through distinct project activity of the STP programme and this draft strategy attached is not intended to cover this.

2. Reason for Proposal and associated financial commitments

- 2.1 A learning disability is a reduced intellectual ability and difficulty with everyday activities, for example household tasks, socialising or managing money - which affects someone for their whole life.
- 2.2 Across our health and care services in Devon, we want to promote the independence of people with learning disabilities and help people to achieve what matters to them. We want Devon to be a place where people with learning disabilities live in the community of their choice, can access support when they need it that is close to home and helps them to achieve their goals, and are happy, healthy and safe.
- 2.3 People with learning disabilities are living longer and there are more people with complex health and care needs. Many young people with learning disabilities will require health and care support as adults and we want to support them to develop independent life skills so that they can lead fulfilling lives as adults and achieve their potential.
- 2.4 This refreshed strategy is informed by what people tell us about the support they need. It sets out our vision for adults with learning disabilities across Devon, where we are now, our key areas of focus and how we will measure the impact of our actions.
- 2.5 The strategy encompasses the geographical area of Devon, which includes Plymouth and Torbay, and spans the work undertaken by the two Clinical Commissioning Groups and three Local Authority areas. It will support Local Authorities and the NHS to commission quality support that promotes the independence of people with learning disabilities, within the context of significant financial and capacity challenges.
- 2.6 Within the strategy, we have set out what we will do collectively across geographical Devon that is best enabled by working at scale. These areas of focus will be having more appropriate housing that meets the range of needs of people with learning disabilities, supporting more people with learning disabilities to have a job and reducing health inequalities. It also sets out what we will all commit to in our local areas to improve how people with learning disabilities are supported.

The refreshed approach will be underpinned by both local and wider Devon action plans.

2.7 Engagement Process

Healthwatch Torbay, Healthwatch Plymouth and Living Options Devon and Devon County Council engaged Learning Disabled people, carers and providers in their respective Local Authority areas. A systematic method of engagement was developed and replicated across the STP footprint. Living Well with a Learning Disability 2013 – 2016 established 15 commissioning intentions. The local engagement activity focused on these commissioning intentions and sought to understand the experiences of learning disabled people, carers and providers. The responses have informed the latest draft of this strategy. The strategy will be available in an Easy Read version.

3. Recommendation(s) / Proposed Decision

- 3.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Board considers the submitted report and considers making recommendations to the Elector Mayor for consideration at the Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Commissioning Team) on 1 October 2018.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Living Well with a Learning Disability 2018 – 2022

Appendix 2: Learning Disability Engagement Report

Appendix 3: Learning Disability Torbay Engagement Report

Appendix 4: Devon Learning Disability, Autism and Mental Health Housing Strategy

Appendix 5: LD Employment Campaign Summary