

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ADULT CARE AND HEALTH SERVICES

TO:	Health and Wellbeing Board		
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TITLE:	Adult Social Care Commissioning Intentions 2016-17		
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report is intended to introduce a summary of the Adult Social Care Commissioning Intentions for 2016-17 for review and comment by Health and Wellbeing Board, alongside the Berkshire West CCGs Commissioning Ambitions 2016-17.
- 1.2 The Commissioning Intentions form part of our suite of documents which outline the approach and activities we expect to take to review, improve and commission services for Reading citizens during the next financial year, and to demonstrate compliance with the market management duties as set out in the Care Act 2014.
- 1.3 The suite of documents (referenced at paragraph 10.2) forms a framework within which the Directorate of Adult Social Care and Health Services delivers its services within a balanced budget.
- 1.4 The document is a high level indicator of our key commissioning priorities and of the strategic direction that our commissioning activities will take over the coming year. It will be supported by an operational commissioning work plan, which is currently under development.
- 1.5 A draft version of the Adult Social Care Commissioning Intentions 2016-17 is attached to this report at Appendix A.

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to review and comment on the Adult Social Care Commissioning Intentions for 2016-17, in order that a final version published and shared with partners and providers.

3. POLICY CONTEXT

3.1 The Adult Social Care Commissioning Intentions are based on delivering services within the context of the Adult Social Care Vision, referenced on page 1 of the document. The three key drivers influencing these intentions are:

- a) Embedding changes and new requirements under The Care Act 2014
- b) Integration with Health partners
- c) Delivering agreed savings

4. THE PROPOSAL

4.1 The Commissioning Intentions serve to set out for all potential and current providers the information and intelligence that will enable businesses to plan how they might offer to meet the assessed needs of vulnerable people in Reading in future tenders and contract negotiations.

4.2 The Commissioning Intentions also provide opportunity for commissioning authorities to ensure alignment. Once they are approved and alignment has been agreed by Health and Wellbeing Board, this document will be published and shared with partners and providers to assist in service planning for the coming year.

4.3 The document outlines Reading Borough Council's Commissioning Intentions for the coming financial year. The commissioning activities undertaken during this period will serve to inform the next round of Commissioning Intentions for future years.

4.4 The Commissioning Intentions do not constitute a contractual obligation to providers and can be amended at any time. They are intended to support providers in their planning, as required under the market management duties under the Care Act.

5. CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC AIMS

5.1 The Adult Social Care Commissioning Intentions are informed by the development and delivery of a range of services which primarily support numbers 1,2,3 and 6 of the following Corporate priorities:

1. Safeguarding and protecting those that are most vulnerable;
2. Providing the best start in life through education, early help and healthy living;
3. Providing homes for those in most need;
4. Keeping the town clean, safe, green and active;
5. Providing infrastructure to support the economy; and
6. Remaining financially sustainable to deliver these service priorities.

6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION

6.1 The document makes specific reference to integration with Health colleagues and to co-production with service users, their families and carers.

6.2 The principles outlined on pages 5-6 are intended to give clear indication of the expectations on which we will be basing our commissioning decisions.

Where services are to be re-commissioned or re-designed, the commissioning cycle makes provision for consultation and engagement as part of the process.

- 6.3 Any service changes resulting from delivery of the Commissioning Intentions will be undertaken with sensitivity and consideration of the impact on individual service users and their carers / families

7. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 The Commissioning Intentions document in itself does not specifically impact any protected groups and is informed by the EIAs completed for individual service strategies.
- 7.2 It is likely that some individual re-commissioning exercises will require an Equality Impact Assessment, depending on changes determined as part of the specification process. An EIA will therefore be undertaken for each relevant exercise as appropriate.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 Under the Council's Contract Procedure Rules some of the proposed commissioning projects will be regarded as high value procurements and will be dealt with in accordance with the rules referred to.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 Services to be re-commissioned under the proposed Commissioning Intentions will be funded from confirmed budgets within Adult Social Care or other service areas. A number of these services are identified as contributing to the 3 year savings programme and will be re-commissioned in alignment with their individual savings targets.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 10.1 *Appendix 1 - Adult Social Care Commissioning Intentions 2016-17*

- 10.2 *Background Papers*

- Corporate Plan 2016-2019 (Draft November 2015)

- Strategic Approach to Adult Social Care 3-5 Year Plan (September 2014)

- Market Position Statement (March 2015)

- Berkshire West CCGs Commissioning Ambitions 2016-17 (October 2015)

- Care Act Implementation Update (November 2015)

- Adult Social Care Transformation Programme - Policy Implications (November 2015)

- Learning Disability Transformation Programme Update (November 2015)