

Appendix 12 - Adult Social Care Budget Statement

Introduction

Demand for Adult Social Care (ASC) rises each year, people are living longer and there are more people living with long term conditions, particularly dementia. There are increasing numbers of young adults in transition to adult services with complex needs.

In Telford;

- The proportion of the population aged over 65 is increasing (14.3% in 2010, 15.9% in 2015), with 27,200 residents now in this age group.
- The population of the borough is projected to grow at a faster rate than the England population and is projected to grow to 196,900 by 2031, an increase of some 23,300 people.
- Over half of the population increase will be in the over 65 age group (12,300 people), with the 85+ age group more than doubling (+117.6%) and the 65-84 age group increasing by a third (33.1%).
- Around 17,400 adults aged 16-64 have a common mental health disorder, 7,700 adults aged 16-64 with two or more psychiatric disorders.
- Around 700 older people aged 65 & over have severe depression. Around 1,800 residents aged 65 & over suffering from dementia.
- Around 4,000 residents have a learning disability. Around 1,400 residents have Autism
- Percentage of the council budget that is spent on Adult Social Care in 2018/19 is 35.04%.

This increased demand for services is at the same time that we are under unprecedented financial pressure with reducing Government grants and a reducing financial settlement for Telford. There is increased public expectation of ASC and rightly an expectation of personalised and flexible support for those who are eligible under the Care Act.

In order to respond to the monumental challenges described whilst continuing to deliver high quality support to those who meet the Care Act eligibility threshold, we will need to radically change our approach to the provision of ASC in Telford. If we want to maintain the level of access that we currently have for ASC we need to signal a different offer to everyone. Social care is often a vital part of enabling people to live independent lives but it is far from being the only component to enable people to live fulfilled lives. We must build and harness the contributions that communities can make to support themselves and the people living in them as outlined in the Commitment Statement March 2017 and the Local Account 2016-17.

We need to build a more sustainable ASC system that promotes and maintains greater independence for most people and which maximises the support available within local communities. We need to enable local communities to respond to the

needs within them to enable them to support each other for longer so that higher level statutory provision is available for those who need it. We need to change the relationship that Adult Social Care has with the public to one that fosters and promotes independence and self-management at every level. We need to ensure that we have different conversations with the public from the moment we first engage with them so that these expectations are understood, promoted and acted upon.

We need to foster independence, progression and recovery for all who use services currently so that they can live a more fulfilled and independent life.

Our Approach within Adult Social Care

We seek to provide advice and guidance as soon as an individual has questions around ASC either ourselves via our staff at Family Connect or with the My Choice service provided by the voluntary and community sector. Ensuring that people are not unnecessarily brought into statutory services before they need to be also helps better use our tight resources. We can't and shouldn't be doing this on our own, our strategy is as follows, with our partners across the whole economy, from within the NHS family, the care sector and the voluntary and community sector;

1. Managing demand

- Right information and advice at the right time to reduce the numbers coming into services.
- Proactively preventing further deterioration and delaying need for high cost services, working with GP's and other partners.

Effective management of the demand for services could save the Council around £1.2m per annum.

2. Promoting Independence

Re-assessing people who are already using services to ensure that we are doing all we can to maximise their independence, recovery and progression to greater independence with a focus on the strengths and asset based approach required in the Care Act.

Changes to care provision will involve providing care differently and innovatively and this will reduce the reliance on high cost care placements such as residential care placements. The overall estimated savings from this initiative is around £0.7m per annum after accounting for reinvestment in new services.

- 3. Managing the price of commissioned care** for those that need this to ensure sufficiency and best value and use of resources. Introducing new systems and effective procurement will reduce costs by an estimated £0.4m

In addition to the above around £0.7m of additional income is to be raised by further joint working with the NHS funding Continuing Healthcare Clients and by recognising the current overachievement of client care contributions. The total expected cost reductions and income of £3m will not be sufficient to align forecast expenditure with the expected base budget. The shortfall is as follows:

	2019/20 £
Investment required in Adult Social Care*	0.842m

- This is in addition to an investment of £770k already approved in March 2018 as part of the Council's Service and Planning Strategy 2018-20.

Strength's based approach

- With this approach we are seeing a **reduction in the number of people we are directly helping** with an increase in the numbers of people being helped within their communities outside of services.
- We are **seeing a reduction in the number of people who are being admitted to residential care** and more people are using community assets to meet their needs.
- We are seeing **an increase in the number of people successfully completing recovery and recuperation programs** and using assistive technology and good housing options to meet their needs.
- We continue to focus resources on **the most vulnerable people supporting them to be safe** with robust, local safeguarding arrangements in place.

We work with individuals using a **strengths and asset based approach which focusses on individual and community resilience** as required by the Care Act. This means we look at the person as part of their community and at the particular strengths they have and the people around them who could offer support. This includes those people who may have had funded services for some time when we will be reviewing and re-assessing the need for longer term support to ensure that we are supporting progression to increased independence and recovery in all that we do.

We seek at every opportunity to exhaust all forms of natural support for those that are eligible under the Care Act before considering funded support from the Council.