

Commissioning Intentions ASC: 2015/16

Strategic Perspective

ASC commissioning intentions are driven by the wider strategic picture in the City, taking into account a wider set of strategies such as Better Care Together, Closing the Gap and the City Mayors Delivery Plan.

These, alongside legislation and national policy, the JSNA and JSpNA's, user views and analysis of our performance, help to define our needs and priorities. These are brought together into one document; the Adult Social Care (ASC) Commissioning Strategy 2014 – 19.

Overview of the strategy

The strategy supports achievement of the vision and purpose for ASC which is to protect the most vulnerable people in Leicester. The practice of ASC will help people to be as independent as they are able; promote dignity; ensure equality; and allocate resources carefully so that they are available to support those who need it most. This means improving outcomes for vulnerable people and ensuring that publically funded care and support is provided where it is cost effective and only when it is really needed.

The strategy emphasises the need to join together as a whole system with other commissioners and with users, carers and communities. We want to provide a holistic approach to supporting and improving health, wellbeing and independence, keeping safe and reducing the need for support.

Links to Better Care Together

There are many common strategic themes between BCT and the ASC Commissioning Strategy. These include:

- Reducing levels of need at the higher tiers and promoting independence
- Working to ensure an integrated system that includes individuals and communities as well as organisations
- Addressing rising demand with reducing budgets

ASC commissioning intentions include a range of activity that will support people to remain at home wherever possible and support timely discharge from hospital where a stay has been required. This forms the core ASC commitment to BCT.

ASC commissioning strategy aims:

1. To commission services that deliver quality and value for money and safeguard service users from abuse
2. To prevent, postpone and minimise the need for formal care and support by commissioning a system that promotes independence and well being

In order to achieve the aims, the following strategic objectives are set out:

1. Invest in services that support access to early intervention and prevention
2. Commission services which enhance or increase service users' independence.
3. Commission services that support Carers to fulfil their role

4. Support the development of a vibrant market, providing a diverse range of high quality services that meet local needs

Strategic Objectives: Commissioning Intentions.

Early Intervention and Prevention	Enhancing and Increasing Independence	Commission services that support Carers to fulfil their role	Support the development of a vibrant market, providing a diverse range of quality services that meet local needs
Review commissioned preventative services within the voluntary and community service for their effectiveness.	Increase the number of supported accommodation sites across the city	Commission services based in the voluntary and community sector which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Identify Carers at an early stage -Provide timely information and advice -Offer drop-ins, peer support, activities and networking opportunities -Provide advocacy -Offer training to support the caring role 	Facilitate the market to encourage a sufficiency of preventative, enablement and support services, including support for carers to make caring more sustainable
Commission an increase in Assistive Technology options. Both workforce and process developments will be made in order to ensure appropriate technologies are made available to the right customers at the right time and reviewed at regular periods.	Develop 'living support networks' across the city, working with communities and the market	Put into place a new Carers Assessment	Ensure sufficiency and diversity of service provision across all types of service that are required to provide care and support including, for example: support services and universal and community services that promote prevention; domiciliary (home) care; homes and other types of accommodation care; nursing care; live-in care services; specialist care; support for carers; re-ablement services; sheltered accommodation and supported living; shared lives services; other housing options; community support; counselling; social work; information, brokerage, advocacy and advice services; direct payment support organisations.
Support community capacity	Develop further 'extra care' sites	Where Carers do not wish to take	Commission brokerage services

building and Asset based community developments.	across the city	a direct payment to meet their identified needs, we will commission services on their behalf e.g. replacement care	that enable more people to take direct payments that gives greater choice in how and when is provided to them.
Commission services and opportunities that support social inclusion	Increase the number of independent living, building based opportunities to meet the identified need.	Where gaps are identified in the market we will seek ways to stimulate appropriate service provision	Jointly commission services for Dementia to implement the Better Care Strategy which includes Dementia as a priority work-stream.
Through the use of capital monies, we will commission a programme of scheduled works across mainstream universal provision across the city will increase access for disabled groups and promote community integration.	Consider more innovative approaches to the commissioning of domiciliary support, which deliver outcomes and enable individuals to achieve independence.		Support the development and delivery of a workforce strategy
Commission universal support for Carers to enable them to access information and support at the earliest stage in their journey without the need for ASC intervention.	Commission increased usage of AT / tele care provision to support people to remain at home safely.		Use of contracting & procurement to incentivise value for money, sustainability, innovation and continuous improvement in quality; and assure that service provision adds social value.
Support the development of an Age Friendly strategy for the city across a range of partner's	Continue to commission day opportunities through our open framework agreement.		Consider the use of incentives for providers
Work with health colleagues to review the mental health pathway to support a joined up system that supports service users.	Continue to commission respite care		Increase integration and joint commissioning with health
Commission a range of services to support the implementation of the Joint Commissioning strategy for Learning Difficulties	Integrate services for those in transition between adult and children's social care		

Specific planned work to support commissioning intentions:

1. Dom Care Review.

2. Supported Living Review. Current Framework contracts for:

- Supported living LD,
- Supported living MH
- Flexible short breaks LD
- Flexible short breaks MH

3. Residential and nursing care review.

4. Extra Care.

5. Accommodation sites for supported living. 8 Developments in the pipeline for 2015; including

- Abbey Mills
- Upper Tichbourne
- Manor farm
- Gypsy lane
- Blackbird road
- Wycombe road

6. Remodel the council's sheltered housing schemes.

7. ICES.

8. Community Opportunities.

9. Support Planning and Brokerage.

10. Direct Payments Support.

11. Healthwatch.

12. Low level preventative services (VCS), including advocacy.

13. Substance misuse

14. Increase in use of Assistive Technology – cross cutting piece of work relating to a number of projects above, including 1, 3 and 8.