

## **Wakefield District Market Position Statement – March 2021**

Wakefield Council will be developing a new Market Position Statement from 2021/22 alongside Wakefield Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) which will be available online and updated on a regular basis.

It is intended that this will be co-produced with adult social care providers in order to ensure that it is fit for purpose. Please contact the Care and Support Commissioning Team if you would like to be involved via [ContractsSection@wakefield.gov.uk](mailto:ContractsSection@wakefield.gov.uk) or on 01924 302 321.

Whilst the revised Market Position Statement is under development, please refer the existing Market Position Statement 2015-18 which can be accessed [here](#) and updated **Demographic and Prevalence Information** via the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) [here](#)

An update on the **Main areas of Commissioning Activity 2020/21** is as follows:

### **Care Home Placements**

There is currently over-provision of standard older people's residential care in the Wakefield District with around 19% vacancy levels. However, due to an increase in the number of nursing de-registrations over the last 2 years there is a lack of nursing provision and particular lack of Dementia Nursing provision in the area.

The Council operates an open Framework for Residential Care which has been in place in its current format for a number of years and is being revised for 2021 onwards. Furthermore, a **Care Home Strategy** is being developed detailing the key priorities and will be shared in 2021.

### **Extra Care**

There are currently four extra care schemes in the District, the most recent being developed late 2015. The Council is not currently exploring opportunities for further schemes as there are current vacancies.

The care and support within Extra Care is commissioned from the independent sector for two of the schemes and this model will be explored for the remaining two schemes where care is currently delivered in-house.

### **Domiciliary Care**

Wakefield Council operates a Framework for the provision of domiciliary care which was procured in 2017 and reopened again in 2019 as a result of a lack of capacity due to sustainability and workforce issues, as well as an increase in demand to ensure that older people remain in their own homes as long as possible.

Whilst the increase in capacity will mean a diversity in provision, it is anticipated that issues relating to recruitment and retention in this sector will remain. As such, the Council will need to work with the market to tackle this issue, which will be part of the **Domiciliary Care Strategy** which is planned for development in 2021.

## **Commissioning specifically for people with Learning disabilities and or Autism**

### **Supported Living**

The Council, alongside health partners, have produced our Wakefield Joint Learning Disability Strategy 2019-2021 to inform our actions over the next couple of years.

The Council operates a Framework for Supported Living services for adults with Learning Disabilities, Acquired Brain Injuries and Autism. Through our Supported Living services the Council and Health delivers the right support to help these adults live in the community safely and as independently as they choose.

The Council reopened this Framework Agreement in May. New Providers have joined the Framework from October 2019 for the final 2 years of the Agreement.

The council has also commissioned Supported Living Services for Adults with Broad Ranging Learning Disabilities and Complex Health Needs that are delivered in buildings owned by the public bodies. These have been re-procured recently through competitive tender and are characterised by a transformational element to the configuration of the building and the models of care and support through which the service users as tenants live good lives.

### **Short Breaks**

In 2016 the Council commissioned, for a period of at least an initial five years, a Short Breaks Service for Adults with Learning Disabilities. This contract delivers care and support seven days per week & 365 days a year from two buildings that are owned by the council and designed specifically for adult service users to have Short Breaks.

The Council is considering the need to expand our Short Breaks offer in response particularly to the assessed needs of the next generation of young adults who are in transition from Children to Adult services. The Council expects to commission a service response that is co-produced with service users, their representatives and stakeholders, including the market.

### **Self-Directed Support**

Our Wakefield Joint Learning Disability Strategy 2019-2021 describes Wakefield Council's continuing commitment to supporting all people to self-direct their care and maximise choice, independence and control. Part of this is the move towards **Individual Service Funds (ISFs)** which are currently being piloted in the District, information on which can be found here:-

<http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/Documents/health-care-advice/adult-services/isf-faqs.pdf>

<http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/Documents/health-care-advice/adult-services/isf-easy-read.pdf>

The effectiveness and sustainability of the ISF Pilot is being formally independently reviewed.

### **Residential Care Placements**

There are 43 Care homes in the District that are registered with the CQC to deliver services to adults with Learning Disabilities.

In line with NHS England Building the Right Support we are actively reviewing the balance of residential care placements in the district with an aspiration to develop a greater proportion of 'self-contained' flats and other forms of supported independent living schemes across the district and that are available at an affordable rent.

This approach will deliver a steady move away from residential placements to a model of service provision that is more progressive and that gives people more choices and control about where and who they live with and how they want to live their lives well. Through this approach we plan to create chances for some Wakefield citizens who are placed out of district to choose to move back in district.

At the same time, we recognize that for some individuals a residential care home will be the least restrictive setting and the best option to meet their needs so as such we will continue to work with existing and new care providers to shape the local residential market and to ensure that quality provision is available.

### **Day Activities**

While the council has an in-house Day Activity Service it recognizes that with changes to the Care Act 2014 that individuals may wish to have more choice and control over who provides their activities and as such may opt to choose a different provision or provider.

As the majority of commissioning for day time activities outside of the council's own provision is currently done so on a spot purchase basis, we will be exploring the development of a local framework of day activity providers to both aide people's choice and control and for us to better understand the demand and gaps in the current market.

As part of this framework we anticipate looking for more than just buildings based activities. We will be seeking a wide range of flexible, person centered activity provision that both encourages and supports social engagement, makes best use of community resources to meet individual outcomes and interests.