

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

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LEARNING DISABILITY JOINT STATEMENT OF STRATEGIC INTENT

REPORT OF GROUP DIRECTOR COMMUNITY AND CHILDREN'S IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE RELEVANT PORTFOLIO HOLDER, COUNCILLOR M FOREY

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Cabinet approval to consult in partnership with Merthyr Tydfil Council and the Cwm Taf University Health Board on the draft Learning Disability Joint Statement of Strategic Intent.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Cabinet:

- 2.1 Approves for consultation the draft Learning Disability Joint Statement of Strategic Intent (attached as Appendix 1 to this report)
- 2.2 Receives, for approval, a further report in February 2017 on the outcome of the consultation alongside a final Learning Disability Joint Statement of Strategic Intent and an implementation plan to take forward the actions required to deliver the commissioning intentions.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Cabinet's permission is required to undertake a formal consultation exercise on the draft joint commissioning intentions for learning disability services. The draft Learning Disability Joint Statement of Strategic Intent has been developed to fulfil statutory duties and provide a basis for planning, commissioning and delivering learning disability services in Rhondda Cynon Taf and across the Cwm Taf Region.

- 3.2 The views of customers and stakeholders are necessary to inform new models of service delivery and to determine how this can be best achieved through the commissioning of services.

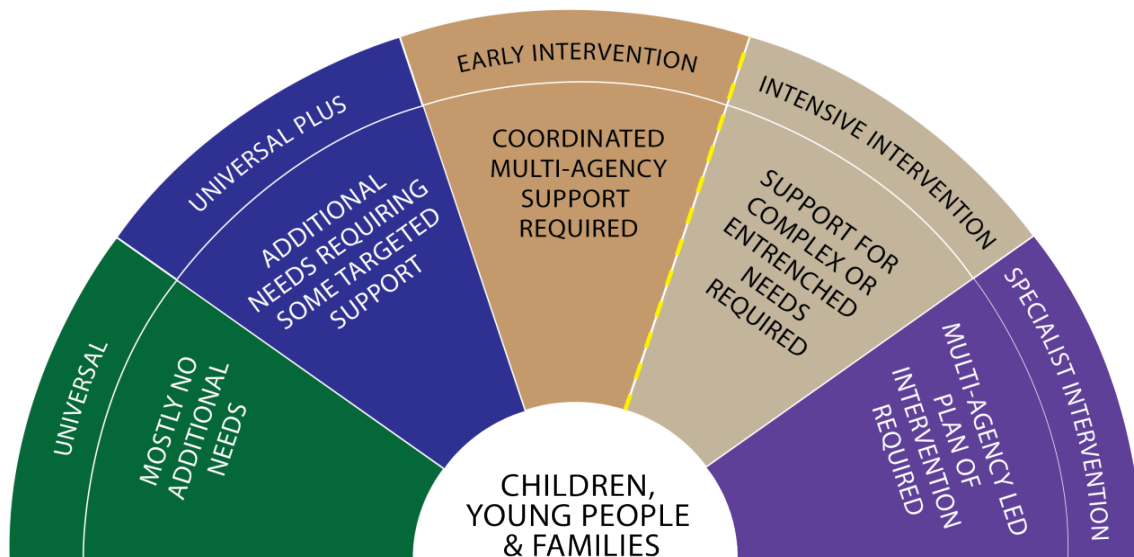
4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Rhondda Cynon Taf has been working together with Regional Cwm Taf Partners to develop Learning Disability Joint Statement of Strategic Intent. This Statement, attached at Appendix 1 to this report, is set within the context of the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 and it outlines the strategic approach to the commissioning of learning disability services by partners across Cwm Taf.
- 4.2 The Statement of Strategic Intent encompasses individuals with a learning disability of all ages and those with complex needs and/or autism and their families.
- 4.3 Strategic commissioning is about analysing and prioritising needs in our communities and designing and delivering services that target our resources in the most effective way. A shift in local demographics, the new policy landscape and the changing expectations and needs of individuals with learning disabilities and their families necessitates an updated analysis of needs and a modernising of services. This Statement of Strategic Intent summarises an agreed analysis of need, and describes a shared vision of strategic direction for service development for the future.
- 4.4 The vision set out in this Statement of Strategic Intent is that people with a learning disability will be able to access modern services that promote their independence, reduce reliance on long term services and emphasize choice and control. That children, young people and adults with a learning disability (including those people with autism and complex needs) will be able to access efficient and effective services that enable person centred outcomes and minimise escalation of need and risk through the promotion of early intervention prevention, greater independence and access to opportunities.
- 4.5 The Statement of Strategic Intent is significant for Rhondda Cynon Taf and its Regional Cwm Taf Partners as it represents a public expression of our commitment to work in partnership with others and move towards the development of integrated services. It also reinforces how we intend to transform our services to focus on prevention, self-management and independence within the spirit of the Social Services and Wellbeing Act (Wales) 2014. This will be achieved by:
- Maximising the use of universal services
 - Increasing early intervention, prevention, information, advice and assistance

- Building community support and developing people's independence
- Sustaining people in their own homes
- Enabling people to live full lives and achieve their potential
- Keeping people safe
- Making best use of our resources

4.6 Continuing with current models of service is not an option. There are considerable challenges that, if not managed innovatively, will see resources increasingly targeted only at those with greatest need.

4.7 The service model developed across the partner organisations is influenced by the requirements of the Social Services & Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014, as illustrated in the diagram below.



Information, advice, assistance and advocacy

Commissioners understand their local population now and in the future

4.8 The model for service provision is a dynamic one which responds to an individual's changing needs, provides targeted intervention and support where needed, enables individuals to return to independence as quickly as possible, and supports people by providing continuing access to universal services and community support.

- 4.9 Overarching commissioning intentions have been developed to set out how the Department can achieve the necessary change and implement the service model. The proposed public consultation exercise will enable the Rhondda Cynon Taf and its Partners to further explore these high level intentions, and to develop a detailed implementation plan to take forward the actions required to deliver the commissioning intentions set out in the Statement of Strategic Intent.
- 4.10 A further report will be presented to Cabinet. This will provide a record of the views and representations received during the consultation exercise and include the final Learning Disability Joint Statement of Strategic Intent and accompanying implementation plan.

5. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 An equality impact assessment screening form has been prepared for the purpose of this report and it has been found that a full report is not required at this time. Equality and diversity implications of the commissioning intentions and the resulting implementation will be further informed by the outcomes of the consultation, and necessary assessments conducted, which will be reported to the Cabinet alongside the consultation findings.

6 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 A public consultation is intended to be undertaken during November and December 2016. The consultation outcomes, final Joint Statement of Strategic Intent and implement plan will be reported to the Cabinet in February 2017.

7 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no immediate financial implications relating to this report, although the outcomes of the consultation will inform the final Learning Disability Joint Statement of Strategic Intent and implementation plan which may have financial implications.

8 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

- 8.1 The development and implementation of the Learning Disability Joint Statement of Strategic Intent will assist the Council meet its duties under the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014.

9 LINKS TO THE COUNCILS CORPORATE PLAN / OTHER CORPORATE PRIORITIES / SIP

- 9.1 The Learning Disability Joint Statement of Strategic Intent will support the delivery of the Council's corporate priority "promoting independence and positive lives for everyone" and adheres to the associated principles outlined in the Corporate Plan.

10 CONCLUSION

- 10.1 Across Cwm Taf there is a strong recognition by both Local Authorities and the University Health Board of the need to work within a regional footprint to deliver sustainable improvements in the quality, efficiency and outcomes of services for individuals with a learning disability whilst respecting local ambitions and needs.
- 11.2 This draft Joint Commissioning Statement of Strategic Intent has been developed in response to the changing needs of individuals with a learning disability. The number of individuals with a learning disability is increasing as is the trend towards more complex and higher levels of need. The aspirations of individuals with a learning disability are also changing with more demand for services that enable them to have greater independence and control over their lives, rather than services that have traditionally been provided.
- 11.3 The Statement of Strategic Intent sets out how individuals with a learning disability will be enabled to meet these aspirations and access a range of modernised services that will meet their needs as well as support them to lead independent lives within the community.

Other Information:-

Relevant Scrutiny Committee: Health and Wellbeing

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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Background Papers – none

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