

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ADULTS & COMMUNITIES TO CABINET ON 17 NOVEMBER 2021

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Adult Social Care Market Position Statement

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise cabinet members of the planned release of the new Adult Social Care Market Position Statement (MPS).

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That cabinet members support the revision of the MPS.
- 2.2 That cabinet note the change in delivery of the MPS from a paper-based document to a web page.

3. INTRODUCTION

- 3.1 The Care Act 2014 places a requirement on local authorities to maintain a vibrant and sustainable care market to meet the needs of local people.
- 3.2 Adult Social Care published a market position statement in 2018 outlining a 3 - year commissioning plan for adult care services. (See Appendix 1)

The MPS at that time was a paper-based document containing around 35 pages of information. Evidence suggests that following its initial distribution the document was rarely accessed. Additionally, the intention at that time was to complete an annual refresh of the statement to ensure it was up to date and relevant. However, other work pressures and the impact of managing the pandemic has meant that this has not happened and the document quickly became out of date.

- 3.3 It is important to note that this is a Market Position Statement and as such describes plans that are current or imminent. The statement is intended to offer providers of care (new and existing) a clear view of the types of things we are or will be commissioning. As such the primary audience for this document is the provider market.
- 3.4 The MPS is not intended to replace a commissioning strategy or joint commissioning plans which would outline details of our Better Lives Programme and longer term commissioning plans. The MPS will provide links to those strategies so that providers can seek further detail or background.

The content therefore should be read from this perspective.

- 3.5 The MPS is intended to be read as an Adult Social Care MPS. Whilst there is reference to plans under the Better Lives Programme to develop our offer around early help the MPS does not cover all aspects of community prevention and early help. The MPS is therefore currently targeted at third sector providers involved with statutory care services.
- 3.6 The current draft MPS can be found via the following link:
www.barnsley.gov.uk/asc-mps
- 3.7 The MPS highlights the following areas as key areas for commissioning
- Prevention – self-support, early intervention and reablement offer
 - Residential Care – focus on quality and occupancy levels
 - Home Care – quality and capacity
- 3.8 Where required cabinet members will be consulted on the development of individual commissioning intentions outlined in the MPS.

4. PROPOSAL AND JUSTIFICATION

- 4.1 It is proposed that the MPS is published as part of the commissioning cycle. The MPS will outline to providers our commissioning intentions across a range of services stimulating the market to ensure it remains vibrant and sustainable.

5. CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES

- 5.1 The council could choose not to publish a Market Position Statement however there is then a risk that we will not maintain the care market needed to meet the needs of local people in the future.

6. IMPLICATIONS FOR LOCAL PEOPLE/SERVICE USERS

- 6.1 The publishing of a Market Position Statement encourages providers to develop services according to local need. The statement outlines the councils vision and in particular the vision for adult social care to ensure that providers who tender for contracts deliver good quality, person centred services.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Consultations have taken place with representatives of the Service Director - Finance (S151 Officer).
- 7.2 There are no direct financial implications resulting from the published Market Position Statement (MPS), as it is difficult at this stage to quantify the impact and changes arising from the outlined commissioning intentions over the medium term. The expectation is that commissioning strategies and plans would be accommodated within future years' approved budgets for adult social care.

8. EMPLOYEE IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 Once published the updating of the MPS will be the responsibility of relevant commissioners. This will be picked up as part of their current role and within the commissioning cycle.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 The local authority has a responsibility under the Care Act to maintain a market to meet the needs of local people. The MPS is a tool used to support the development of the local care market.

10. CUSTOMER AND DIGITAL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 The revised MPS has been developed as a web page. This means that the information contained within it will be accessible to a wider audience.
- 10.2 The move to a web-based production of the MPS will allow information to be updated in a timely way rather than as part of an annual refresh. This will support care providers to develop business plans based on clear commissioning intentions.

11. COMMUNICATIONS IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 The local authority's communication team have been involved in the development of the MPS. This development will continue once the page goes live and will include more creative approaches to information sharing such as videos and graphics.
- 11.2 Once approved by cabinet the MPS will undergo a launch targeted at care providers across the borough.

12. CONSULTATIONS

- 12.1 The draft MPS has been shared with local home care providers, commissioning leads from across the region (as best practice) and officers from the LGA and their feedback has been taken into account in the development of the MPS.

13. EQUALITY IMPACT

- 13.1 Equality Impact Assessment Pre-screening completed determining full EIA not required

14. GLOSSARY

MPS Market Position Statement
LGA Local Government Association

15. LIST OF APPENDICES

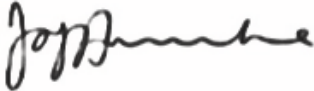
Appendix 1: 2018 – 2021 Adult Social Care Market Position Statement

<https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/media/16190/asc-market-position-statement.pdf>

16. BACKGROUND PAPERS

N/A

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Financial Implications/Consultation

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