

## **Shared Services Review Group**

### **Adult Social Care, Health and Public Protection**

The nature of adult social care is that most of what is provided is done in the context of shared services, either in partnerships, through external contracting or other integrated arrangements.

#### **Independent care sector**

We currently spend around £190m, out of £219m, with over 300 independent sector care providers, therefore approaching two thirds of our funding being spent on external care providers. This includes contracted arrangements with 162 residential and nursing homes and 32 home care agencies. These contracts are subject to regular quality checks and monitoring through our Market Development and Care Standards team, and liaison with the Care Quality Commission (CQC). We spend in the region of £130m on the residential and nursing home sector, and £24.5m on the home care sector on an annual basis (this is gross expenditure and is obviously subject to variation).

#### **Health partnerships**

A great deal of work goes on in the department in relation to joint commissioning of services with health. We part fund a Joint Commissioning post with Health in the County. The Executive Joint Commissioning Group is chaired by David Pearson and there are currently 4 sub-groups relating to adult social care issues: Older People (including Mental Health, Physical Disability and Sensory Impairment); Carers; Learning Disability and Autistic Spectrum Disorder; and Mental Health. We are currently working with the University Hospital Trust on an integrated discharge team pilot, and we are also developing an intermediate care service for older people with mental health problems alongside local health colleagues.

In current arrangements Mental Health Social Work Teams are managed by Adult Social Care, Health and Public Protection, but there are some specialist services managed by the Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust in partnership with the department. These teams include our staff, who are employed by the Council. The Community Learning Disability Social Work Teams are also managed by the department but include a number of health staff such as Community Nurses, Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists. These staff are employed by the Trust.

We have a partnership arrangement with Nottingham City and the Primary Care Trusts for the provision of ICES (Integrated Community Equipment Stores). The current provider of this service is the British Red Cross.

## **Notts50plus Service**

Along with other organisations (District Councils, 2 PCTs, Fire and Rescue Service) we are involved in funding the Notts50plus service, which provides support, advice and services to improve the quality of life of people aged 50 and over. A key partner in this arrangement is OPAG (Older People's Advisory Group), which is made up of representatives from Older People's forums across the county.

## **County Enterprise Foods**

Through County Enterprise Foods, we have a contract with Warwickshire County Council for the provision of Community Meals services. The contract commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2010 and is for a three year period with the possibility of a further extension for 12 months. The current value of the contract is approx £800,000 per annum. We also have 2 service level agreements in place – Nottingham City Council commencing April 2011 for 2 years, at a value of £340,000 per annum; and Newark & Sherwood Homes commencing July 2011 for 12 months, at a value of £12,000 per annum.

## **Supported Employment**

We work in partnership with the Shaw Trust, through a service level agreement (SLA), to provide employment support to the disabled workers on the Work Choice programme who are employed at the County Council's four Supported Businesses. The Supported Businesses offer 83 places for disabled workers through the Department of Work & Pensions' Work Choice programme.

This programme was introduced in October 2010 and replaced Work Step, which the County Council used to deliver through the Ready4Work team. The Shaw Trust has been contracted by the DWP to provide Work Choice across Nottinghamshire. As a result the Council's Ready4Work Team transferred to the Shaw Trust. As part of the SLA the County Council receives a grant of £4,800 a year for every occupied place. This is protected until October 2015 when current Work Choice contracts and SLAs expire.

## **Supporting People**

The Supporting People Partnership in Nottinghamshire brings together the County Council, seven District Councils, two Primary Care Trusts and the Probation Service to direct housing related support services in the County. The Partnership plans, monitors performance, reviews and funds providers of the county's housing-related support services. This currently includes services for over 20,000 people in supported housing, women's refuges, supported living schemes, sheltered accommodation and floating support services.

The Partnership does this to support people to enable them to live independently and to ensure that providers give quality, value for money services that complement other related services and meet local need.

## **Emergency Planning**

Emergency Planning services work with partners in the health service, the police, fire and rescue service, and district councils, to ensure that effective arrangements are in place to manage emergencies and civil contingencies, and to reduce crime and disorder, including anti-social behaviour

## **Grant aid**

This has now been centralised and is managed by the Localisms and Partnerships unit. £700,000 of grant aid funding was allocated to adult social care for 2011-12. In addition for this financial year a further £450,000 transition funding was allocated. Grant aid is provided to a range of organisations on the basis that they provide preventative services for older people and for vulnerable younger adults. It has also been provided to Citizens Advice Bureaus and infrastructure groups that support and develop local groups and services.