

# Report to Adult Social Care and Health Committee

13 June 2016

Agenda Item: 6

# REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, STRATEGIC COMMISSIONING, ACCESS AND SAFEGUARDING

# ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH MARKET POSITION STATEMENT 2016-18

### **Purpose of the Report**

- 1. The report seeks approval of the revised Market Position Statement for 2016-18.
- 2. Members are asked to consider and agree the key indicators relating to market sustainability. These will inform the work that is being undertaken within the department to assess the longer term sustainability of the local social care market and form the basis of a further detailed report to Committee. Approval is also sought to delegate authority to the Corporate Director, Adult Social Care, Health and Public Protection, to make minor changes to update the Market Position Statement for 2016-18 in line with market circumstances after it has been published.

#### Information and Advice

#### The Market Position Statement

- 3. Committee approval is sought for the revised Nottinghamshire Market Position Statement (MPS) 2016-18, which is attached as **Appendix 1**. It is intended that this document be published on the County Council website and the Nottinghamshire Help Yourself website, subject to its approval by the Committee.
- 4. The MPS contributes to the Council's activities to fulfil its statutory duties under the Care Act 2014 to share market intelligence and to promote diversity and quality in the provision of services. This includes services which the Council contracts directly with providers, as well as those for people who will arrange their own care and support either through a Direct Payment provided by the Council or by funding their own support (self-funders).
- 5. It provides key market intelligence that will be of use to existing or potential providers of social care and support services for adults when making business and investment decisions. It will provide a starting point for further discussion between providers and Nottinghamshire County Council, highlighting the services that that the Council wishes to purchase in the future.
- 6. The MPS 2016-18 consolidates and builds on a range of previous work that the Council has undertaken with current providers and potential new providers coming into

Nottinghamshire. It covers services funded by Nottinghamshire County Council, including those commissioned jointly with Health or other partners.

### Determining sustainability of the local adult social care market

- 7. At the April meeting of the Adult Social Care & Health (ASCH) Committee, Members asked that a report be brought to a future Committee providing information about the sustainability of the adult social care market locally. There are many factors which impact on and support a robust, vibrant and sustainable social care market for example, local authority fee levels, the terms and conditions of care staff, the local economy including levels of employment, and the numbers of self funders within the county. Also, there are some key indicators which help to gauge the financial viability of care providers operating in the local area, and the sustainability of the local care market. These indicators include:
  - Workforce capacity, including staff turnover
  - Workforce capabilities, including training and development
  - Availability of choice of services and diversity of services
  - Market expansion, or contraction, and new service developments and investments
  - Fee levels, including fees charged to people who fund their own care
  - Care Quality Commission (CQC) ratings
  - Findings from quality monitoring and auditing activities, including levels of safeguarding enquiries
  - Feedback from people who use services including customer satisfaction surveys
- 8. It is proposed that a detailed report is brought to Committee which considers each of the above indicators in relation to the local social care providers. This will provide a better understanding of the state of the care market and the sustainability of the services across Nottinghamshire. In order to ensure that the report is comprehensive, members are asked to consider whether any further indicators should also be included for consideration in the future report in addition to those listed above.

#### **Other Options Considered**

9. The production of a MPS is a requirement of the Care Act and this document is a refreshed version of an earlier departmental publication.

#### Reason/s for Recommendation/s

- 10. Local authorities are required to produce a MPS as part of their responsibilities relating to market shaping under the Care Act.
- 11. Members have asked that a report be brought to a future ASCH Committee meeting which considers the current and future sustainability of the local adult social care market.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

12. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health

services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

### **Financial Implications**

13. There are no direct financial implications but the MPS is intended to inform providers about the financial position of the Council and its future commissioning intentions, so enabling providers to make more informed business decisions. They will also be able to develop services that offer choice, are affordable and sustainable.

#### **Implications for Service Users**

14. The MPS is intended to inform and advise providers about the social care needs and requirements of the people of Nottinghamshire. Providers will therefore be more able to develop services that are responsive to need, promote independence and are value for money.

#### **RECOMMENDATION/S**

That the Committee:

- 1) approves the revised Market Position Statement for 2016-18.
- 2) considers and agrees the key indicators relating to market sustainability, as listed in paragraph 7 above, which will then be used as the basis for a future report to Committee which analyses the longer term sustainability of the local social care market.
- delegates authority to the Corporate Director, Adult Social Care, Health and Public Protection, to make minor changes to update the Market Position Statement for 2016-18 in line with market circumstances after it has been published.

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### **Constitutional Comments (LM 25/05/16)**

15. The recommendations in the report fall within the Terms of Reference of the Adult Social Care and Health Committee.

## Financial Comments (KAS 26/05/16)

16. The financial implications are contained within paragraph 13 of the report.

## **Background Papers and Published Documents**

None.

## **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All.

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