

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ADULT CARE & HEALTH CABINET PANEL

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**SUBJECT: CONSULTATION ON THE UPDATED ADULT ASPERGER'S
MARKET POSITION STATEMENT**

Report of the Director of Health and Community Services

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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To invite Adult Care and Health Panel to consider and approve the Adults with Asperger's / High Functioning Autism Market Position Statement (MPS), attached as Appendix 1 to the report, that has been jointly developed with the East and North Herts Clinical Commissioning Group (E & NH CCG) and Herts Valleys Clinical Commissioning Group (HVCCG) in line with the statutory requirements of the Care Act 2014.
- 1.2 This is a light touch review of the existing Market Position Statement to update it to since 2015. A much fuller review will be undertaken to reflect the ambitions and priorities of the All Age Autism Board and related work ahead of a full review of the MPS planned for early 2018 to bring the layout and content in line with the other Market Position Statements (Older People, Learning Disabilities etc.) which will also be updated at that time.

2. Summary

- 2.1 Market Position Statements (MPS) are a requirement of the Care Act 2014. They are intended to provide information to existing and potential providers of health and social care about services for adults across all care groups and to communicate the Council's commissioning intentions for the future. This work is supported by the Institute of Public Care (IPC) and Oxford Brookes University, who developed the original MPS toolkit that Local Authorities are using to develop their MPS.
- 2.2 It should be noted that MPS must cover the predicted demand across all potential service users and not just those who receive services primarily funded by the Local Authority. This means that the

involvement of providers across the private and not for profit sector is critical in the development of the MPS as only approximately 50% of the care markets in Hertfordshire are currently commissioned by the Council. Providers will have important insight into the care purchasing behaviours and expectations of the self-funding sector that will need to inform Hertfordshire's future commissioning strategies as it aims to increase the level of self-funders across all care groups.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 The Adult Care and Health Cabinet Panel is asked to provide feedback on the draft Asperger's Market Position Statement attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

4. Background

- 4.1 The purpose of a Market Position Statement is to:

- Present a picture of current and future demand and supply
- Ensure the local care market is sustainable
- Ensure future provision is sufficient, of high quality, and provides choice
- Provide opportunities for the market to be involved in the design and shaping of provision
- Provide information about the resourcing of both existing and future provision
- Indicate where services may be de-commissioning
- Foster continuous improvement and drive up quality
- Stimulate the market to encourage innovation

Links will be made to ensure consistency with the Joint Strategic Needs Analysis (JSNA¹), criteria on Direct Payments² and Brokerage³ which links in with the Care Act and existing joint commissioning priorities.

5. Review of MPS, amendments and updates.

- 5.1 The Asperger's MPS was originally developed in September 2015 with input from the CCGs, service users, carers and operational teams across adults and children's services. On the revision of the MPS in January 2017 there has been consultation with both service providers and service users and it has been revisions made by the Integrated Health and Care Commissioning Team (IHCCT). It has been shared with providers, district councils, public health and operational staff from the Council. The revisions are relatively minor at this stage.

¹ <http://jsna.hertsliis.org/>

² <http://www.hertsdirect.org.uk/personalbudgetsdp>

³ <http://www.hertsdirect.org.uk/brokerageservices>

5.2 Revisions in this draft include;

- Section 1. Autism Spectrum Condition will replace Autism Spectrum Disorder.
- Section 2.1 Prevalence and Population figures have been updated from Projecting Adult Needs and Service Information System (PANSI) have been revised to include the current data for Hertfordshire
- Section 5.0 Adult Social Care Spend has been reviewed and current financial spend has been included
- Section 5.2 Housing Related Support financial envelope has been update.

Other amendments to the document include reference to the integrated personalisation agenda and integrated budgets.

In Section 6.1 (Develop services to support people with Aspergers / High Functioning Autism) a new priority has been added:

- *To work with current providers to ensure crisis support pathways for service users and carers are identified in line with the priorities of the crisis care concordat.*

6. Equality Impact Assessment

- 6.1 When considering proposals placed before Members it is important that they are fully aware of, and have themselves rigorously considered the Equality implications of the decision that they are making.
- 6.2 Rigorous consideration will ensure that proper appreciation of any potential impact of that decision on the County Council's statutory obligations under the Public Sector Equality Duty. As a minimum this requires decision makers to read and carefully consider the content of any Equalities Impact Assessment (EQiA) produced by officers.
- 6.3 The Equality Act 2010 requires the County Council when exercising its functions to have due regard to the need to (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited under the Act; (b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it and (c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it. The protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010 are age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion and belief, sex and sexual orientation.

6.4 The EQiA for the Asperger's MPS containing detail of the possible impact on those with protected characteristics and identified mitigating action is attached to this report at Appendix 2. This has been reviewed and no changes have been made since September 2015.

7. Financial Implications

7.1 One of the key aims of the MPS is to ensure the effective use of all available resources across all partners. Greater efficiencies will be sought by ensuring services are commissioned that maximise resources across health and social care, and that self-directed support is promoted by ensuring a wide range of community based support is available to prevent or delay people needing higher level interventions.

Background Information

The Care Act 2014

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/23/contents/enacted>

Hyperlinks contained within the report