

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet Member for Adult Services held at 10.00 am on
Thursday, 5 September 2024

Present: Councillor L Bigham (Cabinet Member)
Councillor D Toulson (Deputy Cabinet Member)

Employees (by Directorate):

Adults and Housing: P Fahy (Director), N Byrne, L Ferro

Law and Governance: S Bennett

Public Business

7. Declarations of Interest

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests.

8. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 1 July, 2024 were agreed and signed as a true record.

There were no matters arising.

9. Quarter One Performance 2024/25 - Adult Social Care

The Cabinet Member for Adult Services considered a report of the Director of Adult Services and Housing that provided an update to Adult Social Care performance for quarter one 2024/25, alongside actions in place to improve performance and proposed next steps.

Adult Social Care performance is measured in line with the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) national Adult Social Care Outcomes Framework (ASCOF) and this performance is reported nationally at year end. Adult Social Care (ASC) also measures a series of locally defined indicators, which are reported to the Adult Social Care Management Team on a quarterly basis.

The report updated the Cabinet Member on the quarter one performance, provided a summary of key changes and improvements, and outlined actions in place to improve performance and proposed next steps. It also provided an opportunity for the Cabinet Member to provide comment.

An appendix to the report outlined the ASCOF figures for each of the four domains and indicators set out in the report, demonstrating the quarter one improvement of key areas in comparison to 2021/22 and 2022/23 figures. Directional arrows were displayed to summarise performance compared to previous years against these indicators. It also provided a useful comparison between Coventry City Council's figures and those at a regional and national level.

The Cabinet Member was provided with a detailed assessment of the variations in the ASCOF figures and the work undertaken to gradually improve every indicator figure. The Cabinet Member was also updated on the engagement work being undertaken, especially with regard to the Service's engagement with Adult Social Care carers, which the Cabinet Member acknowledged, supported and welcomed.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet Member for Adult Services endorses the action taken in relation to the Adult Social Care quarter one 2024/25 performance including the next steps as outlined in the report.

10. **Market Position Statement**

The Cabinet Member for Adult Services considered a report of the Director of Adults and Housing which indicated that, Coventry City Council, together with its main commissioning partner, NHS Coventry, and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board (CWICB), is striving to develop a diverse vibrant and high-quality health and social care market to meet the needs and aspirations of the people of Coventry who require support now or who may do so in the future.

Communicating effectively with the market is a key part of market development and sustainability so that providers are aware of both the challenges facing Adult Social Care and some of the principal areas where needs and demand analyses indicate the requirement for services to be developed. Market Position Statements (MPS) are a tool for providing this communication and the production of a Market Position Statement for Adult Social Care fulfils requirements of the Care Act (2014) in relation to market shaping duties.

The MPS focuses on both current activity and future opportunities across the whole Adult Social Care market and seeks to provide a balance between description and analysis. The document aims to give clarity about the difference the Council are looking to make in people's lives. The Council's role is to support individuals to live as independently as possible, using strengths-based practice, and to ensure that anyone with care and support needs has access to good quality, tailored and reliable support. The Council is proud of the impact we have made in partnership with the care market to improve our overall adult social care offer, available provision, and ways of working.

Since publication of our previous MPS key achievements include:

- Development of an increased supported living offer for adults with learning disabilities and/or autism or those with significant needs associated with their mental ill health which facilitates more independent living.
- Establishment of the Improving Lives programme, a multi-agency initiative that aims to fundamentally improve the way the health and care system respond to emergency needs.
- Increasing visibility of Adult Social Care including through Open Days held in various parts of the city.
- A successful bid for Accelerating Reform Grant monies which will be used to fund several projects centred on delivering

- alternative methods of support with a particular emphasis on supporting informal carers.
- Award of funding to identify and scope the number of international recruits employed in Coventry and Warwickshire, assess the risk to both individual recruits and the wider care market should sponsorship become unstable, and identify a cohort of ethical employers who are willing to train, mentor or reemploy displaced International Recruits, migrants and/or refugees.

The MPS document has been informed by provider engagement and will be used to underpin ongoing dialogue with providers through a number of activities including the well-established provider forums. It was noted that generally, a strengthened care market with increased choice, diversity and equality of access will actively improve the quality of life experienced by individuals.

A Briefing Note appended to the report outlined consideration of the report by the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board (5) at their meeting on 17 July, 2024. The Cabinet Member noted that the Scrutiny Board had recommended that the MPS be approved and that consideration be made for encouraging local and not-for profit suppliers where appropriate.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet Member for Adult Services:-

- 1) Notes and accepts the recommendations from the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board (5) as outlined above.**
- 2) Approves the refreshed Market Position Statement for use with the Adult Social Care Market.**

11. Outstanding Issues

There were no outstanding issues.

12. Any Other Items of Urgent Public Business

There were no other items of urgent public business.

(Meeting closed at 10.50am)