

Report of the Cabinet Member for Adults & Vulnerable People

Cabinet – 20 October 2016

ADULT SERVICES COMMISSIONING REVIEWS CONSULTATION

Purpose:	To seek agreement to proceed to public consultation surrounding the Adult Services Service Model and preferred options emerging from the Domiciliary Care Commissioning Review
Policy Framework:	Sustainable Swansea - Fit for the Future
Consultation:	Access to Services, Finance, Legal.
Recommendation(s):	Agree to proceed to public consultation.
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 In line with the *Sustainable Swansea – Fit for the Future* approach, Adult Services has undertaken a Commissioning Review into domiciliary care services.
- 1.2 As part of this review an overarching Adult Services Service Model has been developed in line with the Social Services and Wellbeing Act to describe what the optimum model for delivering integrated health and adult social care community services would look like.
- 1.3 An options appraisal has taken place on a range of potential future options for the delivery of domiciliary care services and these preferred options were considered at a Cabinet/CMT Away Day on 12th July.
- 1.4 It is now necessary to publicly consult on both the Service Model and the preferred options emerging from the Domiciliary Care Commissioning Review to inform the final Cabinet decision taken on the future direction of the service.
- 1.5 In relation to Residential Care and Day Services for Older People, the Commissioning Reviews have not as yet been concluded so there are no plans to consult on options for the future of services at the current time. Cabinet has asked for further work to inform the development of the options, including further exploration of best practice elsewhere. It is felt that this is particularly important when considering future services for such a vulnerable

group of individuals, so Cabinet would like further time to ensure that recommendations are as informed and considered as possible.

2. Consultation documentation

2.1 In light of the above, Adult Services has prepared the consultation documentation as follows:

- A general overview letter to invite people to participate in the consultation
- An overview of the Adult Services Model
- A consultation questionnaire on the Adult Services Model
- An overview of the domiciliary care options
- A consultation questionnaire on the domiciliary care options
- An equalities questionnaire which will accompany each consultation questionnaire.

2.2 Adult Services also intend to use quotes from existing service users as case studies to help illustrate the preferred domiciliary care options, to accompany the consultation documents.

3 Way forward for the consultation:

3.1 If Cabinet agree to proceed to public consultation, consultation on the service model and domiciliary care options will commence as soon as practicable.

3.2 Following advice from both Corporate Communications and the Legal Department, the consultation period will last for 8 weeks. It is therefore hoped that the consultation will finish prior to Christmas with a view to Cabinet making a final decision early in the New Year.

4. Equality and Engagement Implications

4.1 There are Equality implications for implementation of both the Adult Services Service Model and the preferred options for the Domiciliary Care Commissioning Review, due to the proposed changes to the way that we deliver services currently.

4.2 Separate EIAs have therefore been opened in relation to the Adult Services Service Model and the Domiciliary Care Commissioning Review. These EIAs will be informed by the consultation and the revised EIAs will then be used to inform the final decision by Cabinet.

4.3 As previously stated, an 8 week consultation period has been advised to allow the public and all interested stakeholders sufficient time to consider the options and allow for a robust consultation to take place. Carrying out a thorough consultation in this way, using the information gathered to both fully inform the EIA and the final recommendation that goes to Cabinet will minimise the risk of potential for challenge via judicial review.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 There are no financial implications of going out to public consultation, other than Officer time and postage costs to resource the consultation process.

6. Legal Implications

- 6.1 A full consultation is required to allow for robust EIAs to be developed and allow for the final decision made by Cabinet to be based on a full understanding of the implications for all stakeholders involved.

Background Papers:

- Adult Services Service Model EIA (Draft)
- Domiciliary Care Commissioning Review EIA (Draft)

Appendices:

- Appendix 1: General overview letter
- Appendix 2: Adult Services Model Consultation Outline
- Appendix 3: Adult Services Model Consultation Questionnaire
- Appendix 4: Domiciliary Care Consultation Summary
- Appendix 5: Domiciliary Care Consultation Outline
- Appendix 6: Domiciliary Care Consultation Questionnaire
- Appendix 7: Equalities Questionnaire