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# Health Scrutiny Committee Report surrounding Adult Learning Disability

## (Executive Summary)

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# Purpose and Recommendations

The purpose of the report is to outline key developments across Health and Social Care in Manchester relating to Adult Learning Disability services, as requested by Health Scrutiny Committee.

Health Scrutiny Committee is recommended to: -

1. Support the ongoing developments relating to Adult Learning Disability services across Health and Social Care in Manchester.
2. Consider and comment on the information contained within the report.

# Key Developments

## Developments surrounding the commissioning strategy for Adults with a Learning Disability (2023-2028)

- Manchester Local Care Organisation (with our partners) is in the process of developing an accessible local Manchester Commissioning Strategy for Adults with a Learning Disability.
- The strategy will set out the commissioning priorities of Health and Social Care organisations in Manchester from 2023-2028 (for Adult Learning Disability services).
- To ensure that the plan is citizen focused, a full engagement process commenced on 17 November 2022, and will run up to the end of December 2022 (dependent on participation).
- The purpose of the engagement is to listen to the views of citizens who use services in order to understand what good quality services looks like, and to influence our strategic intentions.
- Feedback will be used to shape future priorities and to inform ongoing work such as the review of Supported Accommodation (for example).

## Planning for People with a Learning Disability Board

- This board is a coming together of key partners across Manchester.
- This work of the board focuses on the whole Learning Disability agenda, including improving equalities in health, housing, preparation for adulthood, criminal justice services, social care, commissioning, and work within the community.
- The board has recently reformed after the COVID – 19 pandemic.
- We are working with local user led groups such as Manchester Peoples First, to understand how citizens with a Learning Disability would like to be involved with the board moving forward.
- This is to ensure that co-production, participation, and inclusion is as meaningful as possible.

# Key Developments

## The NHS Transforming Care Agenda

- This agenda resulted from the Winterbourne View independent hospital investigation in 2011.
- The agenda has a focus on ensuring that vulnerable citizens with a Learning Disability and/or Autism do not remain in hospital under the care of the Mental Health Act for any longer than they need to be.
- The agenda also focuses on preventing admissions to hospital where appropriate and safe to do so.
- The report discuss a range of key issues such as current numbers of people in hospital, and how Health and Social Care are working together to support safe discharge from hospital and/or to prevent people needing to go into hospital in the first place.

## Healthcare – Manchester Learning Disabilities and Autism Health Oversight Board

- By April 2023, Manchester will have developed a new Integrated Manchester Learning Disabilities and Autism Health Oversight Board.
- The purpose of this Board is to provide a quality assurance and improvement forum for all health-related priorities and work streams for citizens with Learning Disabilities (and Autistic people) in Manchester.
- [Annex 1](#) provides an overview of the key structure and workstreams involved with the Board.

# Key Developments

## Healthcare – The local response to the recent national Care Quality Commission (CQC) report (2022)

- In June 2022, Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust (MFT) implemented a Trust Learning Disability Strategy “Our plan for people with learning disabilities and/ or autism, their families, and carers 2022-2025”. The Strategy has four strategic priorities.
  - Respecting and protecting rights
  - Inclusion and engagement
  - Workforce
  - Learning Disability service standards
  
- The strategy priorities closely align to the domains identified in the CQC (2022) review focusing on what people with a Learning Disability and/or Autism need from physical health care and treatment in hospital.
- Oversight of the strategy is provided by the Chair of the Learning Disability Steering Group (Director of Nursing and Professional Lead Manchester and Trafford Local Care Organisations).
- Senior Leadership members and key groups within MFT are currently reviewing the Care Quality Commission (CQC, 2022) report to benchmark practice against the report’s findings to strengthen localised delivery plans, which continue to be monitored Trust wide through the Learning Disability Steering Group.

# Key Developments

## Transition to Adulthood

- The aim of the Social Care Transitions Service is to assist young people and their circle of support to understand, in advance, how identified care and support needs which may continue into adulthood, can be met once the young person has turned 18.
- The aim is to plan and support seamless service provision, with a focus on working towards young people having an independent life.
- To ensure citizens with a Learning Disability have the right care, at the right time, an integrated referral meeting has been introduced which routinely involves a senior representative from the Adult Learning Disability Health service.
- This supports the planning and navigation of moving from Children's focused provision, to Adult services, which is often in a community-based setting, by identifying the most appropriate assessment pathway.
- Awareness and access to pathways such as Continuing Healthcare and support from the Greater Manchester Specialist Support Team has increased, along with access to specialist Learning Disability Short Break provision for example.

## Manchester City Council/Manchester Local Care Organisation In-House Provider Services Review

- The Provider Services Review has been initiated to deliver a programme of transformation, in order to achieve new models of care.
- A key reason for this review is to respond to new and historic challenges, such as the increasing need for complex and specialist interventions for a number of citizens.

# Key Developments

## Manchester City Council/Manchester Local Care Organisation In-House Provider Services Review continued....

- The services in-scope for the review within Adult Social Care are:
  - i. Day Services
  - ii. Disability Support Accommodation Service (DSAS)
  - iii. Short Breaks Services
- An initial analysis was completed within Adult Social Care, to explore potential demand for in-house services in the future, particularly for citizens who may require more complex and specialist services.
- Subsequently, an independent consultant was commissioned to review the initial findings, and to ensure the strategic direction for the in-house services, focuses on supporting the right citizens, with the right care, in the right setting.
- They recommended that a transformational piece of work is progressed, which looks at supporting citizens who require highly specialist and complex interventions, in order to transition into the service in the future (e.g. over a 3-5yr period).
- Consequently, this may result in some existing citizens who use in-house provision, requiring a person centred moving on pathway (around their individual needs and circumstances), to an alternative community service with a different provider, who will also promote independence. Citizen and Carer/Family consultation/engagement will be critical throughout this process.
- The service needs to operate a more efficient economic and delivery model, in order to remain sustainable in the long term.
- The in-house service needs to re-focus its essential skills, expertise, and resources in a different way.
- This should be viewed as an exciting opportunity to sustain Manchester's proud legacy of having its own in-house provision, that aspires to be a flagship service.



Any questions?



# ANNEX 1

## Manchester LDA Health Board Workstreams

### Improving Quality of care in hospital settings

Physical Health in mental health settings

Communication Passports (GM)

Quality hospital Carev (DNACPR/Pain)

Host & Oversight assurance

Learning Disability Improvement Standards

### Reducing the number of people in hospital

Reduction in utilisation

DSR, CETR & LAEP assurance

Safe & Well Assurance

Building the right support (provision)

### Improving provision of community services

Forensic & Crisis services

End of life care

Frailty, falls & deterioration

Constipation, dysphagia & epilepsy

Mental Health Access

### Improving outcomes for Children & Young People

Keyworker pilots

Hearing, sight and dental checks to children and young people in special residential schools

### Improving access to healthcare & outcomes

Annual Health Checks & HAP's

Identification of People, Reasonable Adjustment Flags

Specialist prescribing of medication

Cancer screening & immunisation programmes

Health Promotion, Healthy Weight (GM) & Mouthcare

### Improving outcomes for Autistic people

Improving autism diagnostic waiting times

Pre & Post diagnostic Support

Sensory friendly environments

### Building a capable workforce

Mandatory Training inc. Oliver McGowan training

Building the right support (skills)