

All Age Disability Strategic Framework Update to Shadow Health & Wellbeing Board – 27 March 2013

This project aims to produce an All Age Disability Strategic Framework by the end of December 2013, following analysis and review of current operational team practices, the service offer, commercial practices and cultural behaviour. It will set the strategic direction for the future delivery of disabled services for people in Essex. A new strategy is needed to:

- Join up the commissioning across partners to improve service user experience, particularly during the transition from childhood to adulthood
- Align and integrate commissioning and planning with the NHS which takes a whole view of a disabled person's life
- Putting the patient and user of the services at the centre
- Effectively manage predicted increase in demand
- Manage service user expectations

The key aim of the project is to ensure the best start in life, promoting mental health, physical health and resilience throughout life by implementing a more flexible and personalised approach with fewer age barriers for people with a disability. The current split between adults and children's services and health and social care hinders our collective ability to commission effectively for people with a disability throughout their lives. This capability is needed in order to respond to rising demand for services, increasing expectation of service users, the opportunity to achieve better outcomes through co-design and co-production of services, the opportunity to improve and develop partnership working and joint commissioning, wider organisational change driven by Essex County Council Transformation, national policy and legislative changes, and reducing budgets.

Without a new approach:

- The funding gap as a result of demographic changes will increase by £62m by 2017-18 without mitigation
- ECC will be unable to respond to expected policy and legislative changes requiring services to work together

The principles of co-production with service users will be incorporated when producing the All Age Disability Strategic Framework. In addition the following groups will contribute to the creation of the strategic framework:

- Health and Wellbeing Board maintain strategic overview
- Member reference group to be created post the May County Council elections
- Community & Older People Scrutiny Board
- Health reference group dedicated to involving health services
- District, borough and unitary councils will also be engaged

The Business Case was approved by Essex County Council Cabinet on 19th March 2013.