

Learning Disabilities Accommodation Strategy 2017-2022 Action Plan Review

Action	Timescale	Performance Measures	Progress at September 2021 (Blue = Complete, Green = complete but ongoing, Amber = Off track will recover, Red = Off track, will not recover)	Additional Actions	
Key Aim 1: Reduce the number of people with Learning Disabilities living in residential care					
1.1	Investigate the provision of shared living schemes of 6-8 homes	2017-18	Identify possible sites for schemes. Add sites to affordable housing delivery plans	A site at North End Farm, in the ownership of a Registered Provider (RP), has been identified for one scheme of 8 dwellings. The site had outline planning permission which has lapsed. Detailed drawings are being prepared for a new full planning application which is at pre-app stage September 2021. The RP has secured funding from Homes England for this project with the support of the Borough Council. A site on Shakespeare Road and others at Wixams Village 3 have also been identified and are currently working through the planning process. They should be ready for occupation in 2023/24.	Work to deliver these schemes, including through the planning process. Agreement to be sought on the Rushmoor School site, briefing note currently being completed. Consider the suitability of other identified sites to provide another scheme(s) as opportunities arise.

1.2	Develop at least one Extra care Scheme suitable for those with Learning Disabilities.	2018-20	Site identified.	Site at Britannia Gate completing 2021 / 22. Extra Care facilities at Fields Road, Wootton (bpha, completed March 2019) and The Causeway, Wixams (Extra Care Housing Trust, completed summer 2019) can also accommodate those with a learning disability and this has been agreed in principle with the RPs. Resolution to grant planning has been secured for an additional extra care provision at Wixams retirement village.	Work with the RP to ensure the successful delivery of the Britannia Gate scheme. Procurement process underway to identify the support provider for Britannia Gate. Work to allocate Extra Care dwellings at Fields Road, Wootton and The Causeway to appropriate clients.
		2019-20	Scheme provided.	The Extra Care schemes at Wootton and Wixams are delivered. The scheme at Britannia Gate is due to complete in 2021 / 22.	Assess the success of accommodating those with a learning disability in Extra Care schemes that provide for a range of client groups. This is likely to be most appropriate in 2022 / 23 when the schemes have been open and occupied for two years so beyond the scope of this Strategy. Carry forward review in action plan of successor Strategy.

1.3	Review the opportunities to expand the provision of supported housing schemes for people with Learning Disabilities through the planning system and use of the Council's assets.	2018-20	Opportunities to meet the needs of people with Learning Disabilities are considered through the Local Plan process and the Council's Asset Management Strategy.	The Local Plan 2030 has a policy which requires the provision of supported housing schemes on suitable sites of 100 dwellings or more (policy 59S). These include specialist housing for those with a learning disability. In addition, a number of properties owned by the Council have been identified as potentially suitable for those with learning disabilities and are being assessed as part of the Vulnerable Adults project.	Ensure the application of Local Plan Policy 59S. Manage forward assessment of Council owned properties for those with a learning disability.
1.4	Review existing residential care schemes.	2017-18	Determine which schemes need re-providing or improving	To achieve this a tender process was completed in January 2019 and the Learning Disabilities Phase 2 contract commenced in April 2019. The successful provider is responsible for delivering care and support at five residential care homes and seven supported living schemes. The provider will evidence a supported living model that promotes step down to independent living as well as a financial model that demonstrates a reduction in care costs through individual annual reviews as well as evaluation of all the current accommodation. Schemes have been reviewed and those identified as needing improvement are currently being reviewed.	The review process is ongoing and improvements will be scheduled where necessary.

1.5	Review who is housed within residential care schemes	2017-18	Ensure that in assessment of the needs of people with Learning Disabilities living in residential care schemes proper consideration is given to their potential to live more independently with lower levels of support.	Each resident has an annual review with their support packages adjusted according to their presenting needs (this will include a reduction in care package where appropriate).	The tender process was completed in January 2019 and the Learning Disabilities Phase 2 contract commenced in April 2019. The successful provider is responsible for delivering care and support at five residential care homes and seven supported living schemes. The provider will evidence a supported living model that promotes step down to independent living as well as a financial model that demonstrates a reduction in care costs through individual annual reviews as well as evaluation of all the current accommodation.
		2017-18	Set up transitional arrangements for those that could move to more independent accommodation	Each resident has an annual review with their support packages adjusted according to their presenting needs	Contract monitoring of providers agreed against the operational delivery model with key performance indicators to evidence how residents are being supported to become more independent.

1.6	Review contracts to minimise double funding for care home residents who also attend day care	2016-17	Contracts Reviewed	Finances have been reviewed for each individual. It did not identify savings, but evidenced that double funding was not occurring.	No further action
Key Aim 2: Increase the range of housing by improving the information and opportunities for access to a range of housing options					
2.1	Improve the provision of advice, information and support for people with Learning Disabilities making housing choices	2017-18	Look at current advice and information provided for people with Learning Disabilities and their housing options and determine how it can be improved	A booklet has been developed by the team entitled, ' <i>Housing options for people with Learning Disabilities</i> ' which is regularly updated (January 2018) and utilised by the care management team when discussing options with service users and their families. Grand Union will support all new tenants at Britannia Gate with tenancy sign up, provision of furnished flats and will maximise individuals welfare benefits further promoting residents independence.	The pandemic has curtailed moving options for many. Ongoing review and development of booklet as further accommodation becomes available to meet the needs of our growing client groups.
2.2	Support opportunities for home ownership	2017-18	Opportunities identified and advice provided to those interested in home ownership	As above with liaison with the housing options team.	The Partnership Board has been on hold due to the pandemic. Explore the potential to work with the Learning Disabilities Partnership Board once back in operation to further develop home ownership options for those with learning disabilities.

2.3	Ensure an up to date list is kept of those preparing for adulthood over a 5 year period	Ongoing	List identifies the number of people preparing for adulthood and their needs so that their housing requirements can be prepared for	A multiagency transitions tracking meeting is well established with a dedicated lead practitioner in adult services for seamless transition.	Properties have been identified for this client group and are currently being scoped under the Vulnerable Adults Project to meet their needs. PFA forecast for accommodation needs continues to be updated in line with the long term forecast of young people transferring to adult social care up to 2031. No significant updates on housing developments since the cessation of the LD2020 accommodation meetings last year.
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2.4	Monitor effectiveness of the move towards independence and application of the principles of supported living	Ongoing	Contract monitoring of providers against the agreed operational delivery model with key performance indicators to evidence how residents are being supported to become more independent.	Each resident has an annual review with their support packages adjusted according to their presenting needs (this will include a reduction in care package where appropriate). LD Phase 1 and 2 block contracts are monitored in accordance with this principle via quarterly contract monitoring meetings. Annual review team no longer exists and reviews have been absorbed back into Care Management Teams leaving significant resource deficit in meeting the annual review quota for reviews across services. The pandemic last year also created a back log of in excess of 500 cases - as face to face reviews were curtailed due to the pandemic and virtual reviews declined.	Ongoing review and contract management.
2.5	Support people to live in the community after transitioning from residential care to more independent living	Ongoing	Ensure that people are supported to live in the community	Each resident has an annual review with their support packages adjusted according to their presenting needs. Annual reviews now completed by Care Management Teams as stated in 2.4.	Ongoing review and contract management.

2.6	Increase use of assistive technology to support people to maintain their independence	Ongoing	Assistive Technology is not required for all learning disabilities clients. Where extra care is provided, specifications for new schemes will include appropriate assistive technology	<p>The use of assistive technology is not routinely applicable to the learning disabilities client group however the physical disabilities and older peoples team more routinely assess for where assistive technology may be of benefit to a resident. Individuals can be older and / or having a physical disability as well as a learning disability and assistive technology can help meet the needs of those who face multiple challenges. Grand Union is providing telecare at the Britannia Gate development to those that require it. Operational teams are currently reviewing care packages and indentifying assistive technology which promotes independence. Recommendations are then made. This is being implemented into various supported environments.</p>	Ensure the provision of appropriate assistive technology on new schemes.
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Key Aim 3: Develop commissioning, partnership and leadership

3.1	Develop effective partnerships with Registered Providers and support providers to ensure a range of housing options are available to people with Learning Disabilities	2017-18	Partnership working established. Range of housing options developed.	Effective relationships have been developed and are being maintained. Two schemes are progressing with two different RPs. One scheme of 8 flats for independent supported living and one 18 dwelling scheme for vulnerable adults. In addition a number of properties owned by the Council have been identified as potentially suitable for those with Learning Disabilities and are being assessed as part of the Vulnerable Adults project.	Facilitate delivery of identified schemes. Work with RPs to secure funding from Homes England. Facilitate assessment of suitability of identified council owned properties for those with a learning disability.
3.2	Ensure the continuous improvement of supported housing schemes	Ongoing	Work with supported housing providers to ensure housing schemes are of a high standard. Tenants are well supported.	The tender process was completed in January 2019 and the Learning Disabilities Phase 2 contract commenced in April 2019. The successful provider is responsible for delivering care and support at five residential care homes and seven supported living schemes. The provider will evidence a supported living model that promotes step down to independent living as well as a financial model that demonstrates a reduction in care costs through individual annual reviews as well as evaluation of all the current accommodation.	Contract management with housing and care providers against the supported living model of delivery and outcomes framework.