

REPORT OF THE  
Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health  
PART II

105. SUPPORTING PEOPLE:  
CHANGES TO BUDGET, SERVICES COMMISSIONED AND  
COMMISSIONING RESPONSIBILITIES

1. On 30 July 2014, the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health gave approval for changes to the Supporting People programme to enable the Adult Services department to meet its legal obligations to people with the highest needs within reducing financial support from the Government. The specific decisions made included a reduction in overall expenditure by £7.66 million and an alignment of the remaining £17.4 million expenditure with the department's strategy for delivering care and support. It was also noted that 42 contracts relating to services for people considered to be socially excluded would continue to operate within the permitted extension period of these contracts, to allow for further review of these services. The recommendations were pre-scrutinised and endorsed by the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee at their meeting on the 29 July 2014. The Committee resolved to continue to monitor this topic in the future

2. To contribute to the overall savings target identified by the County Council, Adult Services need to find £43 million of savings in 2015/16. The proposed re-commissioning of the former Supporting People services within the budget agreed by the Council will help the department achieve these savings.

3. Prevention and Early Intervention services, such as Supporting People services, have always been integral to Adult Services' strategy. The services funded through the Supporting People budget need to form the basis of the commissioned service response for this sector. Previously however, the services have not been integrated within the overall Adult Services' commissioning programme. In order to ensure maximum efficiencies it was necessary to review them in order to take a more integrated approach to the commissioning of all Prevention and Early Intervention services with mainstream services. The Supporting People programme provides accommodation-based and community support services under one administrative system. The programme meets the support needs of older people, people with disabilities and others who need support but are not eligible for statutory services.

4. The housing support services commissioned by the Supporting People programme are divided into three categories:

- Services for people considered to be socially excluded; these included support for homeless people, services for younger people in crisis, for ex-offenders, for veterans, for people who have been victims of domestic abuse and for people with mental health problems.
- Services for older people; these included support within sheltered accommodation, community support and alarm services.

- Services for people with disabilities; these included services for people with learning disabilities, physical disabilities, sensory impairments and people with mental health problems.

An overlap existed between the services provided for people with disabilities and older people under the Supporting People programme and the mainstream services provided for the same client groups by the Adult Services' department. The socially excluded sector had more direct relevance to the district councils, the County Council's Children's Services department and the probation Service, as it included services for non-statutory homelessness, young people and ex-offenders. The realignment facilitated by the decisions of the Executive Member will serve to reduce this overlap and increase efficiency and expediency in service provision.

5. Hampshire County Council remains committed to prevention and early intervention and recognises the importance of this in meeting the key elements of the Care Act. The Council has previously worked closely with District Councils, the Probation Service, service providers and service users to deliver preventative services, and will continue to do so in the future. Additionally the Council has a statutory responsibility to meet the needs of people who meet social care eligibility criteria, as re-confirmed in the Care Act of 2014. It has to balance funding for this obligation with the wish to fund early intervention services.

6. Further details can be found at [www.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings.htm](http://www.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings.htm) by typing in the relevant reference number:

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