

CORE OFFER BUDGET FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE OTHER COMMITMENTS

WHY DOES THE COUNCIL HAVE TO PROVIDE THIS SERVICE AND WHAT DOES IT NEED TO COVER?

The 1996 Housing Act identified the following individuals as in 'priority need' – those individuals that are vulnerable as a result of leaving prison, someone vulnerable as a result of old age, mental illness or handicap or physical disability or other special reason. The Council has a duty towards homeless people who claim to be “vulnerable”, and consequently have “priority need” for the purpose of the provision of accommodation under the homeless legislation. The local authority must ascertain whether the applicant would be more vulnerable than an ordinary person if he/she were to be made homeless.

Under the Care Act local authorities have a duty to provide services that prevent, reduce, or delay an individual developing a need for support.

HOW DOES THE CORE OFFER BUDGET MEET THE COUNCIL'S OBLIGATIONS?

The housing related services provide support to individuals across the spectrum that are identified as being 'vulnerable' and include supporting households where there are children, young people at risk, victims of domestic abuse, ex-offenders and those at risk of offending, those affected by drug and alcohol problems and vulnerable adults including those predominantly with mental health needs or learning disabilities.

The council will continue to provide a core housing related support service that provides designated accommodation with support for vulnerable people who are homeless (Accommodation based services) and very limited targeted support services which prevent 'vulnerable people' becoming homeless and support individuals who are in temporary accommodation to source more appropriate/alternative accommodation within the community (Floating support services).

The support is designed to enable individuals to regain and maintain independence, wellbeing and stability.

The core offer will support approximately 750 vulnerable people per annum and will include 116 units of accommodation. The supporting vulnerable people provision outlined above enables the Local Authority to fulfil its statutory responsibilities under both the Housing legislation referred to above, the Care Act 2014 and in the case of children and young people, the Children's Act 1989.

DOES THIS DIFFER FROM THE CURRENT SERVICE?

This level of service will differ from the current provision in that it will be focusing specifically on the statutory (mainly housing related) obligations rather than more discretionary elements of provision. The availability of floating housing related support and subsequent complementary support interventions for vulnerable people will reduce.

People with housing needs will be able to access information and support through an IT-based system which is available to all relevant voluntary and community providers. In addition, they can also access support directly from the local authority through the Housing Options service.

There are approximately 600 individuals per annum who will not receive a service through the core offer (the services will be able to work with half of the numbers previously supported). These individuals are often known to more than one service and the Local Authority is working with other services to develop better ways of working to identify individuals that would benefit from a multi-agency approach and to enable better targeting of resources likely to lead to better outcomes through improved co-ordination.

WHAT IS THE CORE BUDGET MADE UP OF?

Homeless/Housing Support Contracts	£789,950
Key Point of Access, ICT	£17,770
Housing Options Service	£298,094
Vulnerable Parents & families contract	£124,444
Care & Repair Contract	£39,400
Mental Health Support Contract	£116,539
Learning Disability Contract	£35,321
Overheads	£62,499

2019/20 Budget £1,484,017