

Scoping Exercise

Terms of Reference

This review covers Day Opportunities Services for people with learning disabilities commissioned by Darlington Borough Council and provided under a Service Level Agreement. The review will cover the following:-

- To review the current use of day centre resources and measure capacity against projected future need.
- To review the current range and quality of services and activities available, in line with guidance set out in the Green Paper, 'Independence Well-being and Choice' and latterly 'Our Care, Our Health, Our Say'.
- To review the current range and quality of services and activities provided by comparator local authorities and identify models of best practice.
- To consider the implications of Direct Payments, Individualised Budgets and self directed care.
- To review the findings from consultation activity / engagement with stakeholders and service users.
- Following the review, to make recommendations to cabinet about policy development.

Desired outcomes

To make recommendations to Cabinet on remodelling Day Opportunities Services, to move away from traditional building based 'service driven' provision to a 'needs led' community-focused service and to clarify the extent of the role of social care in delivering this model. In particular:-

- A remodelled Day Opportunities Service that would help to move towards a preventative model of service provision.
- A new service model that would provide an opportunity to improve the Council's performance management targets.
- A new service model that would provide a structure for early intervention, preventative services, and rehabilitation to reduce the number of crisis referrals to health and social care services.
- A new service model that would act as a signposting mechanism to other services.
- A new service model that would help alleviate the perceived increase in care need related to the increase in the older person population.
- A new service model that could be integrated with Older People and Physical Disability day opportunities services.

Key questions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are the current resources allocated to day opportunities services for people with learning disabilities and is current service delivery cost-effective?• What is the current range and quality of services and activities available, and does this provide value for money?• What are the perceived future demands for service, in terms of quantity, quality, innovation and flexibility?• What services do the people with learning disabilities in Darlington want, both now and for the future?• What model(s) of service would meet identified current and future need?• What outcomes will be wanted from future commissioning intentions?

Links to the Community Strategy
<p>The Review Group will identify how the outcome of this review contributes to the objectives contained in the Darlington Community Strategy, including the Council's Corporate Plan and other key plans or strategies.</p>