

Strategic Opportunities – Care Sector Review

Short, Medium and Long-Term Priorities

Short-Term Priorities

- A letter to Welsh Government updating on the work to be sent.
- Learning from this report to be shared with other Local Authorities.
- Further data is needed on current business models in social care (including social enterprise models such as community interest companies, and third sector ownership). This information is not currently collected. Flintshire County Council to lobby CSSIW and Social Care Wales to collect this data in light of the emphasis put on these through the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014.
- The Council to support the development of apprenticeships and placements in independent providers and to lobby Welsh Government to introduce further support for training social care staff given the pressures that may be imposed on the sector through the introduction of new regulations.
- Lobby the Data Unit to collect information across the workforce on EU nationals working in social care and monitor the effects of Brexit.
- Feasibility studies to be undertaken exploring:
 - Micro-care
 - Purchasing Consortiums
 - Assets Library
- The Council to work with the Third Sector Well-being Network to develop opportunities for Third Sector Health and Social Care Services to feedback to the Council on any issues arising and solutions to enable better communication.
- The Council continue to work with the Third Sector Well-being Network and other partners to map and understand the current local use of Social Prescribing models.
- Flintshire County Council to explore extending the provision of Blue Badges to Community Transport Operators.
- Flintshire County Council to give further consideration to the programmes outlined in the report, which will include Purchasing Consortiums, Staff Benefits and Support, Social care Technology, Transport etc.
- Continue to support and promote a local Marketing and Recruitment Campaign

Medium-Term Priorities

- A clear understanding of the complexities of the commissioning arrangements for social care to be developed in partnership with Procurement, so all parties have an understanding of the sector, co-production and person-centred thinking.
- To establish a network or joint training group to develop training opportunities across Local Authorities, the Local Health Board and the Third Sector, reducing duplication and maximising the skills and expertise of all partners.
- The Council to develop a survey for the whole local social care workforce to feed in issues, concerns, solutions and examples of innovative practice.
- To develop and review our local Market Position Statement. Consultation on the regulations related to this are expected in summer 2018 as part of the Phase 3 consultation on the regulations for the Regulation and Inspection of Social Care Act (Wales) 2016.
- To annually review the current state of the residential and domiciliary care markets and to monitor any issues arising with providers over, looking to provide support where we can.
- Flintshire County Council to develop an update report taking in to account changes in legislation, funding and support in 12-18 months.

Long-Term priorities

- Support providers, if appropriate, to consider developing a Local Care Association to include a purchasing consortium and a celebration of the achievements of the sector.