
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE REPORT

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To: Chair, Ladies and Gentlemen

Adult Services Accommodation Strategy for Older People and Adults with a Learning Disability

1.0 SUMMARY OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The report sets out the Adult Services Accommodation Strategy for Older People and Adults with a Learning Disability and how it relates to MTCBC's strategic Wellbeing Priorities.
- 1.2 The strategy sets out the strategic direction for accommodation services for Adult Social Care in the coming 10 years and forms a continuance of the "Home for Life Strategy" which ends in 2020.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the scrutiny committee discusses and comments on the issues set out in the report.

3.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 3.1 This report has been presented to scrutiny to discuss the content of the "Adult Services Accommodation Strategy 2020-2030" and obtain their views as to whether the strategy sets out a clear direction for the development of Adult Accommodation Services.

4.0 WHERE WE WERE

- 4.1 The previous strategy that outlined the strategic direction and plan for Adult Services Accommodation was the “Home for Life Strategy” which covered the period 2006 - 2020 (attached at Appendix 1).
- 4.2 This strategy included the future direction of accommodation services and the development of community based services to support people to remain in their own homes.
- 4.3 This strategy has now reached the end of the period that it was intended to cover and requires updating in line with the changing needs of the people of Merthyr Tydfil.

5.0 WHERE WE ARE NOW

- 5.1 A number of developments have taken place in line with the previous “Home for Life Strategy” which include:
- The development of an extra care facility (Ty Cwm).
 - The reconfiguration of the Local Authority’s directly delivered residential care services that incorporated the reduction of the number of care homes from 4 to 2.
 - The build of 2 new residential care homes for older people namely Ty Bargoed Newydd and Ty Gurnos Newydd.
 - The enhancement of targeted preventative community support services that promote independence which has been achieved through the development and implementation of Initial Support Services positioned at the first point of entry to Adult Social Care.
 - The development and implementation of a regional joint equipment store which is outlined in a section 33 legal agreement.
 - The enhancement of telecare services, which as technology has progressed, play a greater role in managing risk in the community and care home setting.
- 5.2 The Home for Life Strategy forecast the number of places required based on the demographic changes of older people.

“At a local level the table below shows the numbers of people receiving community and residential social services as at 30/09/04 and applies this same rate of take up to the projected population increase in Merthyr Tydfil of 29% for the year 2020.”

Table 1

Service take up as at 30/09/04		Current service take up rates applied to the projected population of 2020		Actual as of 31/03/19	
Residential Care	Nursing Care	Residential Care	Nursing Care	Residential Care	Nursing Care
177	69	228	89	157	96

- 5.3 Whilst the information is not available for the full year 2020 the data is available for 31st March 2019 which shows 157 Residential Placements and 96 nursing placements. Which shows a variance of 71 less residential placements and 7 more nursing placements when comparing forecasted demand against actual.
- 5.4 During recent years there has been an increased focus on development of regional strategies for Adult Social Care and Commissioning Statements of Intent have been produced for Older People and People with a Learning Disability. These have been developed in line with the Regional Population Assessment and Area Development plan. These documents provide the overarching joint health & social care strategic direction.
- 5.5 The “Adult Services Accommodation Strategy 2020-2030” brings together the strategic accommodation elements of these documents identified in 5.4 that are aligned in a Merthyr Tydfil CBC context with corresponding timescales for delivery.

6.0 WHERE WE WANT TO BE

- 6.1 The purpose of the strategy is to provide a clear direction for the development of accommodation services for Adults over the next 10 years.
- 6.2 The strategy is based on the current position and legislative framework which can be subject to change and should this occur then the strategy will be refined to reflect these changes.
- 6.3 Whilst there are key areas identified such as the development of a further extra care facility, work will continue on a regional basis to identify how more specialist services will be developed across the region in order to maximise both the use of available resources and enhance the range of services closer to the individual’s community.
- 6.4 The areas identified in the strategy are:
- Retain an element of in-house provision to provide specialist services to higher needs ensuring full utilisation of all bed spaces.
 - Commission a mixture of accommodation to meet the needs of EMI Nursing, General Nursing, EMI Residential and Elderly Frail residential in a way that best meets the needs of our community.
 - Extend and improve our accommodation options for older people and people with a learning disability including plans to develop an additional extra care facility.
 - Explore alternative options of accommodation for our citizens with a learning disability ensuring we are meeting the following priorities co-produced with people with learning disabilities:
 - More choices of where I live and who I live with.
 - Quiet spaces in supported living houses.
 - I want to make my own choices good or bad.
 - More house staff for increased opportunities.
 - Having my own key to my own home.
 - It’s my home not an office.

7.0 WHAT WE NEED TO DO NEXT

- 7.1 Services continue to be developed and refined over time and some of the areas identified in the strategy have already commenced such as the proposed move of the Learning Disability Services from Llysfaen to Ty Gurnos whilst others will take a number of years before they are implemented such as the extra care facility.
- 7.2 We are working with Housing Colleagues to develop the Extra Care facility on the land adjacent to the Keir Hardie Health Park site.
- 7.3 There are 2 areas that we will be working towards on a regional basis which are the accommodation needs of people with a Learning Disability and the refresh of the care home market position statement.

8.0 CONTRIBUTION TO WELLBEING OBJECTIVES

- 8.1 The accommodation strategy for Adult Social care links with the following strategic objectives:
- Healthier Wales.
 - Focus on the Future Local Authority wellbeing objective of Living Well
 - The PSB objective of Lifestyles, Health & Vulnerability.
 - The political priorities of “We will look after all our citizens by providing quality education and social care enabling everyone to lead their lives to their full potential” and “We will encourage lifestyles and promote wellbeing.”

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Title of Document(s)	Document(s) Date	Document Location
A Home For Life Strategy For The Older People Of Merthyr Tydfil (Services And Quality Of Life) 2006 – 2020		
Does the report contain any issue that may impact the Council's Constitution?		No