

EXECUTIVE BOARD
DATE: 22ND DECEMBER, 2016

SUBJECT:
**PREVENTION, EARLY INTERVENTION AND PROMOTING
INDEPENDENT LIVING**

Purpose:

To take note of the prevention and early intervention strategy for Carmarthenshire's Integrated Services.

Recommendations / key decisions required:

To approve the prevention and early intervention strategy to support independence for people supported in Carmarthenshire's Integrated Services.

Reasons:

To ensure robust implementation of the Social Services & Wellbeing (Wales) Act and its preventative ethos to improve outcomes at individual and organisational level.

Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted: NO

Exec Board Decision Required YES – 19th December, 2016

Council Decision Required NO

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:-

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1. BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT.

The Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act places a statutory responsibility on local authorities to promote preventative services for the local population. Consultation conducted by Integrated Services with older people shows that maintaining independence and staying connected with their community is a key priority.

The strategy outlines ways in which preventative services will be embedded across the whole provision to promote independence and ensure that early intervention strategies are used to keep people as well and self-sufficient as possible.

A number of priorities in this strategy are linked to initiatives that are outlined in the department's cost savings, taking this approach is fundamental to delivering efficiencies across the whole system. Reviewing very small packages of care and looking for community alternatives is one such initiative. Evidence suggests that putting in this small amount of care can compromise independence and be detrimental for individuals in the long term. It will also support efficiency of alternative pathways out of reablement into community support.

This strategy is an essential component in delivering cost savings, but these will be done within the context of promoting independence and providing the right support at an early stage so that crisis is avoided.

It must be noted that whilst cost savings will be delivered through initiatives such as right sizing packages of care and improved information, advice and assistance provision; extra funding has been secured through the Intermediate Care Fund (ICF) to ensure that services outlined in this strategy are robust and able to deliver not only efficiencies in the long term but improve community services as a whole and promote the ethos of independence and personal responsibility for wellbeing.

2. OTHER OPTIONS AVAILABLE AND THEIR PROS AND CONS

To deliver preventive and early intervention services without a public facing document that explains our approach – however the strategy was written as a result of feedback from communities and individuals in Carmarthenshire.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?

YES

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: **Rhian Dawson** **Head of Integrated Services**

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
NONE	YES	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

2. Legal

Delivering preventive services is a statutory responsibility of local authorities as outlined in the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act.

3. Finance

It is difficult to identify the direct result of this strategy on the cost savings as it will be systems based approach that will impact across all provision. Extra funding has been allocated through ICF to embed and develop prevention and early intervention provision.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: **Rhian Dawson** **Head of Integrated Services**

In developing the strategy, a workshop was held with stakeholders including elected members, 3rd sector organisations, public health colleagues and members of the public.

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THESE ARE LISTED BELOW.

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014		Care Council Website