

Buckinghamshire County Council

Introduction to Adult Social Care and Public Health (BCC)

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Adult Social Care and Public Health:

Adult Social Care and Public Health are part of the Communities, Health & Social Care Business Unit at BCC

Our vision: *People lead their own lives and fulfil their potential in safe, healthy and thriving communities*

- help people to help themselves, promoting wellbeing and self-reliance at all stages of their lives
- support vulnerable people to be safe and in control, making choices about how they live
- support communities to be strong, healthy, safe and resilient

Key Adult Social Care and Public Health work strands:

- **Prevention** - Supporting people to remain healthy, safe and independent for longer and reducing and delaying demand on services
- **Health and social care integration**
- **Supporting the sustainability and diversity of suppliers**
- **Modernising social care**
- **Improving transition for young people from children's to adult services**

Statutory duties

Adult Social Care

- Director of Adult Social Care (role)
- Care Act 2014 – adult social care responsibilities
- Duty to assess & provide services for those eligible
- Duty to promote wellbeing to Bucks population & ensure thriving market to deliver services
- Safeguarding
- Working with health
- Operation of social care

Public Health

- Director of Public Health (role)
 - Delivery of 9 mandatory public health functions and two national aims set for Public Health in local government
1. To increase healthy life expectancy
 2. Reduce differences in life expectancy and healthy life expectancy between communities

Wellbeing outcomes (Care Act 2014):

- Personal dignity (including treatment of the individual with respect)
- Physical and mental health and emotional wellbeing
- Protection from abuse and neglect
- Control by the individual over day to day life (including over care and support provided and the way it is provided)
- Individual's contribution to society
- Participation in work, education, training or recreation
- Social and economic wellbeing
- Domestic, family and personal;
- Suitability of living accommodation

Prevention

- We have to apply a preventative approach in all our work with people, striving to prevent, reduce or delay needs-
- Intervening early to support individuals, helping people retain or regain their skills and confidence, and preventing need or delaying deterioration wherever possible.

Adult Social Care and Public Health:

Budget: Adult Social Care

£ 125m in 2017/18 (ASC budget)

- Residential care £71m
- Community Care £32
- Social Work £12m

- Plus improved Better Care Fund – additional government funding to ease ASC pressures - £3.48m in 17/18

Purchasing

We currently have contracts with 266 care providers covering 524 locations.

Total projected spend (not including direct services) is c£106.7m split across the following service areas:

- Older people £43.5m
- Learning disability £37.4m
- Mental health £5.7m
- Physical and sensory disability £3.9m
- Other £16.2m

Public Health £21m

Ring fenced grant (reducing by 15% over 4 years commenced in 2016/17)

- Sexual health £4m
- Substance misuse £4m
- Children's health £8m

The Care Act introduces a new responsibility for managing the care market in Bucks – not just our contractors. For example, a range of quality care providers to provide a choice of high standard services

Our Priorities

1. *Expect and enable people to do more for themselves*
2. *Support people to get back on track after a setback – not become dependent on our services for long term support*
3. *Ensure transitions from childhood to adulthood are smooth and effective*
4. *Be ambitious for people and help them to progress and achieve their goals.*
5. *Support the care market to be diverse, personalised and sustainable*
6. *Manage our resources effectively to achieve value for money; generate income where we can*
7. *Innovating e.g. exploring digital solutions; taking well calculated risks and learning from them*
8. *Shift investment into more preventative services to help us manage demand*
9. *Support communities to be strong, vibrant and resilient*
10. *Integration with NHS*