

Transition Market Position Statement

Introduction

The purpose of this document is to provide an executive summary of the commissioning intentions that relate to people aged 18-25 years, presented in the market position statements (MPSs) for Surrey relating to:

- Learning Disability with/without Autism - [Market Position Statement - Adults with Learning Disabilities \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk)
- Autism with/without Learning Disability - [Market Position Statement - Autistic Adults \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk)
- Physical Disability and Sensory Impairment - [Market Position Statement - Physical disability, Sensory Impairment and long term conditions \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk)
- Mental Health - [Market Position Statement - Adults with mental health needs \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk)

Market position statements are designed to signal business opportunities for the care market and gives relevant information to inform market development and commissioning plans from 2024. They are iterative documents which will be reviewed regularly to ensure the inclusion of future plans and developments.

About Transition

The aim of Transition within Surrey's Adult Social Care services is to provide a seamless transition for children and young people into adult services and adult life.

In line with the Community vision for Surrey in 2030, in which Surrey County Council has outlined its ambition for all residents, we want to support young people, from ages 18 to 24 in Surrey, to achieve their goals and aspirations, taking a person-centred approach to enable them to reach their full potential.

Our approach to commissioning is asset-based, ensuring young people are supported to engage successfully with their local community and neighbourhood. To help us achieve this we need providers to:

- Support young people in Surrey by providing Accommodation with Care and Support ([Market Position Statement - Adults with Learning Disabilities \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk)). This will assist young people in achieving their goals both in education and employment.
- Support young people in Surrey to increase their independence and fulfil their potential through everyday opportunities within Surrey ([Market Position Statement - Adults with Learning Disabilities \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk)), that focus on building life skills and confidence as well as supporting young people into employment.

- Provide a range of shared lives placements suitable for 18-24 year olds as well as short breaks that support young people and their family carers ([Market Position Statement - Adults with Learning Disabilities \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/position-statement-adults-with-learning-disabilities)).

Where we are now

Understanding the types of support we need to offer

We aim to deliver a seamless transition from Children's services to Adult Social Care for Young people with a disability, and their families. However:

- We understand this is not always what young people experience.
- We know the right support is not always available at the right time for young people and young people can sometimes have to wait for it to become available.
- Services are not always tailored to be attractive or appropriate for young people and don't address the specific issues that impact upon young people.

In order to address these challenges, in 2022 we established the Preparing for Adulthood work programme. This brought together practitioners in our Children, Families and Lifelong Learning Directorate with practitioners in our Adults Wellbeing and Health Partnerships Directorate in order to identify how best to ensure a smooth customer journey from children's service to adults.

From 2024, the work programme is focusing on how the analysis of data can forecast the placements needed, aiming to have the support services in place without the need to wait for them to become available. It is bringing together Commissioners in the two directorates to ensure that Commissioning Intentions reflect this analysis.

Forecasting

Also in 2022, we invested in a new Commissioning Manager post dedicated to facilitating the development of systems and processes to enable us to better support young people as they move into adulthood.

A key function of this post is to forecast numbers and the support that packages need to include. In order to plan and manage Adult services for Transition age young people in Surrey, we aim to:

- Establish regular parallel planning sessions with our Childrens Services colleagues to ascertain the needs of young people moving on from residential school and college placements.
- Establish forward-planning for the needs of children referred to Adult Services from the age of 14+, identifying accommodation and support needs according

to level and type of need, geography, identifying any potential cohorts who could benefit from being supported together.

- Identify potential future placement needs using data from the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) team based on children's Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP) – [Market Position Statement - Autistic Adults \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](#)

Work to date has told us:

- The number of young people with an EHCP is increasing with an overall 14% increase in EHCPs over the last 3 years. There is an associated 10% increase in children and young people with Autism as a primary support need and a 10% increase in children and young people with a Learning Disability as their primary support need. It is anticipated this will mean an increase in those eligible for adult services.
- It is projected this growth in numbers of children with an EHCP will continue over the next 3 years before it begins to plateau.
- We will need additional placements across all service types over the next few years to meet the level of demand [Market Position Statement - Adults with Learning Disabilities \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](#) There will need to be a particular focus on more Accommodation with Care and Support, with the Guildford and Woking areas in particularly high demand, and additional everyday opportunity placements within Surrey.
- In order to meet increased demand over the next two years, it is forecasted (using data from Education and Health Care Plans (EHCPs) and historical trends in placements required according to need type) that across Surrey there will need to be 89 additional Supported Independent Living placements and 60 additional everyday opportunity places. In the following two years, up to 2027 it is forecasted that there will need to be another 96 additional Supported Independent Living placements and another 64 additional everyday opportunity places. Data is collected by district and borough and is regularly updated. The above figures are intended to serve as a guide; actual number of number placements needed will change over time as circumstances dictate.
- Young people who are eligible for care and support that doesn't include accommodation can find it difficult to access general needs housing that is appropriate for their disability. General needs allocations policies are one focus of our work with the different District and Borough Local Authority Housing Teams across Surrey.

Key messages for Providers

- In order to meet the projected increase in demand additional Accommodation with Care and Support places will be required. The development of this accommodation should factor in the need for specialist support to meet increasingly complex needs and allow for a reduction in reliance on out of county placements for young people.
- More everyday opportunity placements are needed for young people in Surrey. These should be located within Surrey and focus on building independence, life skills and helping young people into employment opportunities that meets their own aspirations and goals.
- All additional placements for young people should be designed to support their educational needs and employment goals.

Future market opportunities

As set out on page 11 of the [Market Position Statement - Adults with Learning Disabilities \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](#), the **Community Accommodation** Dynamic Purchasing System includes a ghost lot (lot 11) to enable us specifically to develop the market seeking to offer Supported Living opportunities to young people. To prepare for the tender of this lot, we will be working closely with our colleagues in Children Families Lifelong Learning (CFLL) as well as in Surrey Heartlands and Frimley ICBs to explore with the market how best to procure support for young people who, once 18 years old, will be eligible for Adult Social Care and who require supported living accommodation while aged 17.

Similarly, as we develop the commissioning plans for supporting people with **everyday living** (see pages 15-19 of the [Market Position Statement - Adults with Learning Disabilities \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](#)), particular consideration will need to be given to ensuring sufficient options for support under the different models care are tailored to be effective for young people.

There has been significant work over the last two years to refresh our **short breaks** offer, promoting providers to consider non-residential options as well as investing in new bespoke short breaks accommodation (please see page 13 of the [Market Position Statement - Adults with Learning Disabilities \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](#)). This work aims to increase the services attractiveness to young people. In addition, there is joint work to review the offer available for young people, recognising that what might be attractive to an individual aged 45 years might not be attractive to someone aged 21 years.