

Cheshire West & Chester Council

Adult Social Care Market Position Statement Information Sheet

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Market Position Statement

A key duty of the Council is to help make sure that there are different types of support available for people who need Adult Social Care and other related services.

Developing what is known as a “Market Position Statement” or “MPS” is an important part of the whole process. The Council has reviewed the Adult Social Care Market Position Statement in April 2018.

Things that are covered in the Market Position Statement include (this list is not intended to be detailed or exhaustive):

- ✓ What the local population of Cheshire West and Chester looks like now and how it might look in the future.
- ✓ What support and care services local people need and how they need services to be provided.
- ✓ The support and services available at the moment, and what is not available but potentially needs to be.
- ✓ What support and care services people may need in the future.
- ✓ Local and national agendas which influence the work of the Council (including initiatives outlined by Central Government).

The Market Position Statement also covers key areas including (this list is also not intended to be detailed or exhaustive):

1. Learning Disability services
2. Adult Mental Health services
3. Services for people that have needs identified on the Autistic Spectrum
4. Services for Older People
5. Services for people with Dementia

The main aim of a Market Position Statement is to encourage commissioners, people who use services, Carers and provider organisations to work together on an ongoing basis to explain what care services and support is needed in the area and why.

As the Institute for Public Care says, “it is important to understand that a Market Position Statement (MPS) is the start, not the end point, of a process of market facilitation. An MPS has little value in its own right. The test is how does the Council use such a document once developed’ (<https://www.thinklocalactpersonal.org.uk/co-production-in-commissioning-tool/commissioning-market-shaping/In-more-detail/Market-Position-Statements/>) accessed April 2018.

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