

Progress Update on the Day Opportunities Flexible Purchasing System

Adults and Health Committee

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Day Opportunities Flexible Purchasing System (FPS)

- 28 March 2022 - Adults and Health Committee - Approved the development of a flexible purchasing system for day opportunities in Cheshire East.
- Prior to the FPS we had no contract for day opportunities
- All placements were spot purchases
- Minimal quality or compliance requirements

Recap - What is the Day Opportunities Flexible Purchasing System (FPS)?

- FPS went live on 1 August 2022
- A contract to facilitate the commissioning of Day Opportunities Services
- Providers can apply to join one or more lots/categories
- They must meet a quality threshold (60%) and required compliance requirements
- No guaranteed business
- Care packages are made subject to the terms and conditions of the contract

FPS Progress 1 Year On – Providers

- 18 Providers have been issued with contracts after 2 rounds
- .5 further providers have been successful and currently waiting to be onboarded

In total 18 providers can offer services in the following lots (providers can provide services in more than 1 lot)

- Lot 1 - Building Based - 14 providers
- Lot 2 - Community Support – 12 providers
- Lot 3 - Employment, Skills, Training - 8 providers

FPS Progress 1 Year On – Utilisation

- Between August 2022-August 2023, we have seen 46 sourcing requests for day opportunities
- 15 packages in total have gone live
- 9 – Building Based (6 of these were dementia day services)
- 2 - Community Support (group-based activities)
- 4 - Employment Skills and Training (occupational, skills development opportunities)

Other highlights of the FPS – Year 1

- Carefinder went live on 17 July 2023, giving people on direct payments access to the Day Opportunities FPS services
- Positive feedback from LD social work teams on new offer with people gaining greater independence, community inclusion, new skills as part of new provision (group activities, farming, life skills)
- 9/18 providers are new to CE on the FPS
- Safeguarding assurance as part of onboarding

Future Actions

- Further bidding round for new providers to join due in March 2024
- Follow up engagement with Social Work Teams to refresh and embed process
- Wider review of day opportunities (internal and external) as part of transformation plan

Any Questions?