Dear Colleagues

Market Position Statement 2015-18

I am pleased to let you know that Adult Social Care’s Market Position Statement (MPS) for 2015-18 has now been published on our website and can be accessed using this link: http://www.leeds.gov.uk/docs/Market%20Position%20Statement%202015-18.pdf

This is our third MPS and you will notice that it is longer than previous versions, which partly reflects the changing environment in which social care operates (including the legislative environment with the introduction of the new Care Act) and partly because you cannot fully understand the challenges without also discussing quality management, the social care workforce and the strategic context.

I would also like to thank all of you that attended the consultation event on the draft document in September or fed back your comments separately. It was fantastic to hear from so many of you and I’m pleased that overall you felt that the document was clear, honest and credible. Your feedback has also resulted in a number of changes or additions including: our approach to commissioning and the standards we use; approach to quality; more detail regarding direct payments; information on the Children and Families Act and transitions from children’s to adult services; and our plans regarding assistive technology.

The MPS will be a live document that will be updated on a regular basis as plans evolve or change. For example, when we have more information on the implications of this month’s Autumn statement and spending review for local government we will update the finance section accordingly and let you know what has changed.

As always I would encourage you to feedback any comments or questions to: commissioning.asc@leeds.gov.uk or contact the relevant commissioning manager directly using the contact details contained in the MPS.

Best wishes,

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