

Surrey Local Valuing People Group Presentations Summary



At the meeting we talked about:



Direct Payments – Chris Esson.



Surrey People's Group –
Feedback from the December
2022 event – Amanda and
Carinder.



Update from the Learning
Disability Partnership Board
– Mary Hendrick.

Direct Payments Chris Esson:



What is a Direct Payment?

A direct payment is a value of money given to an individual to buy their own care and support.

Direct Payments can be used to pay for:

Direct Payments can be used for all or part of someone's support.



Direct Payments can also be used to pay for personal assistants.



Who can use a Direct Payment?

Direct Payments (DPs) provide people with more choice, control, and independence.



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Adult Social care need to ensure that people are receiving the right amount of money, at the right time and using their DP to meet their eligible needs.

Strategic review:



Direct Payments programme board agreed to undertake a co-production exercise via Surrey Coalition.



Research was done by a social enterprise organisation.

The feedback from this research was:

People felt communication and information needed improvement.





Understand

Better understanding was needed for both practitioners and people who use DP.

People felt Surrey County council (SCC) was more worried about money than the outcomes direct payments bring.



People felt there is not enough help to manage DP

There aren't enough Personal Assistants:

There was a recruitment campaign to help with sourcing more personal assistants.



Hourly rate for Personal assistants is the same as the London Living Wage





More training was given to practitioners.

The strategy looks to improving the process following consultation feedback.

Surrey People's Group Feedback- Amanda and Carinder



Amanda and Carinder spoke about the Surrey People's Group event that took place on 6th December 2022.



People from various organisations and areas of Surrey came to the event. There were about 50 people with learning disabilities that came.



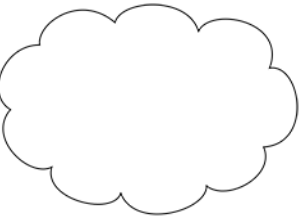
There were stalls including a chance to try Virtual Reality equipment, information from the learning disability liaison nurses and East Surrey Inclusive Sport.



There were fun activities including singing and signing with the Include Choir, and MOTHS Mashup DJs did a Christmas music quiz.



Also, serious discussions took place, on the topics of, home, friendships, travel, and health.



The feedback was shown on word clouds:

Home Feedback SPG

Mentimeter

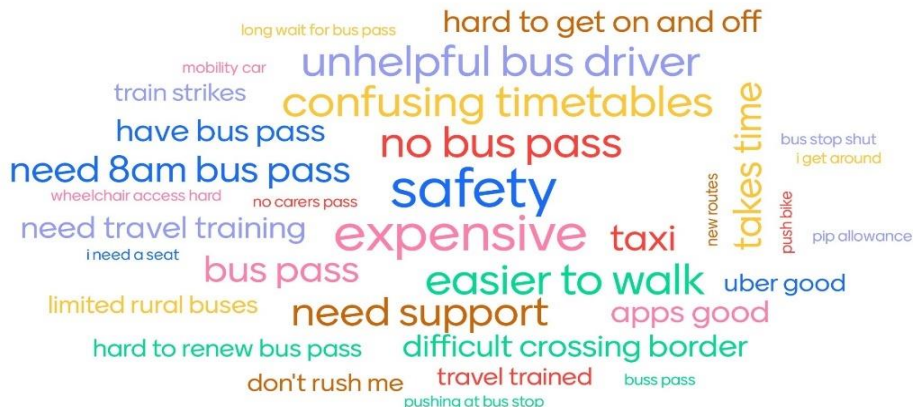




Health Feedback SPG



Travel Feedback SPG



2023

We also spoke about what needs to change in 2023:

People wrote on labels, what they were proud of, what made things difficult for them to live the life they want and what their dreams and aspirations are for example:



What makes it hard for you to live the life you want

Mentimeter

communication
not enough staff to go out
people feel sorry for me
being myself getting work need help with chores
back pain writing cost of living
health system
patience not able to get out
not believing in ability
not enough support hours
relationship with staff

Things you have done that you are proud of

Mentimeter

traveling independently
voluntary work did 10 gigs in the uk
garden recording makaton videos
coming out live independent life personal resilience
special friends signing makaton
make my own choices having a job
radio sessions being an uncle keeping my room tidy
singing at include choir own house moving into my flat
communicator climbing mount snowden
recovery with my hip making a difference
learning sign language
growth of radio show

Your hopes and dreams for the future



Surrey People's group aim to host 4 in person events in the year.

Create an advisory/focus group of people with a learning disability to help plan and organise future events and what the group will do.



Feedback from the event has been sent to the relevant people. Transport feedback has gone to the transport group in Surrey and Health feedback has gone to the liaison nurses. It will also be used to plan what to do in the next year.



Contact us If anyone would like to get involved by supporting people to come along, speaking at an event, or coming along to meet people or share information.



We are looking for venues for possible meetings across the county.

Feedback from the Learning Disability Partnership Board – Mary Hendrick:

Mary introduced the topics that were discussed in the Learning Disability Partnership Board on the 5th January 2023.

[Click here](#) to view the minutes.



We talked about:

- The Budget



- Surrey People's Group



- Join Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA).

Surrey County Council draft budget 2023-2024:

Surrey County Council's draft budget says what we are going to spend money on.

We want people's views:



A draft budget is a budget that isn't finished yet and might change. We would like to know what you think about our draft budget.



The draft budget is more money than last year, but there are more people who need support.



This will help us decide whether to make changes to it.

Surrey County Council needs to find more money for the draft budget:



If the government don't give us more money we can:

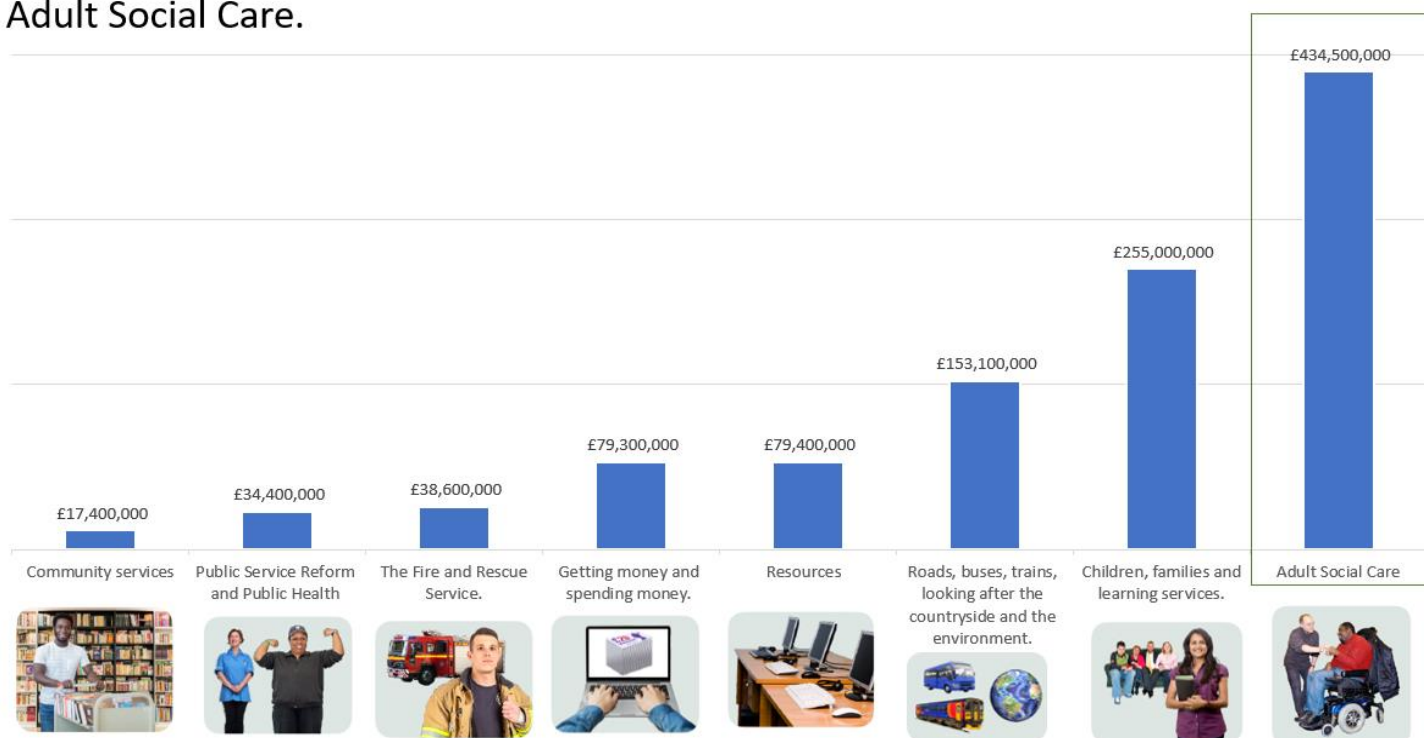


- Raise council tax
- Raise council tax a little and spend less on services
- Spend less on service which will make them worse.



The budget overview :

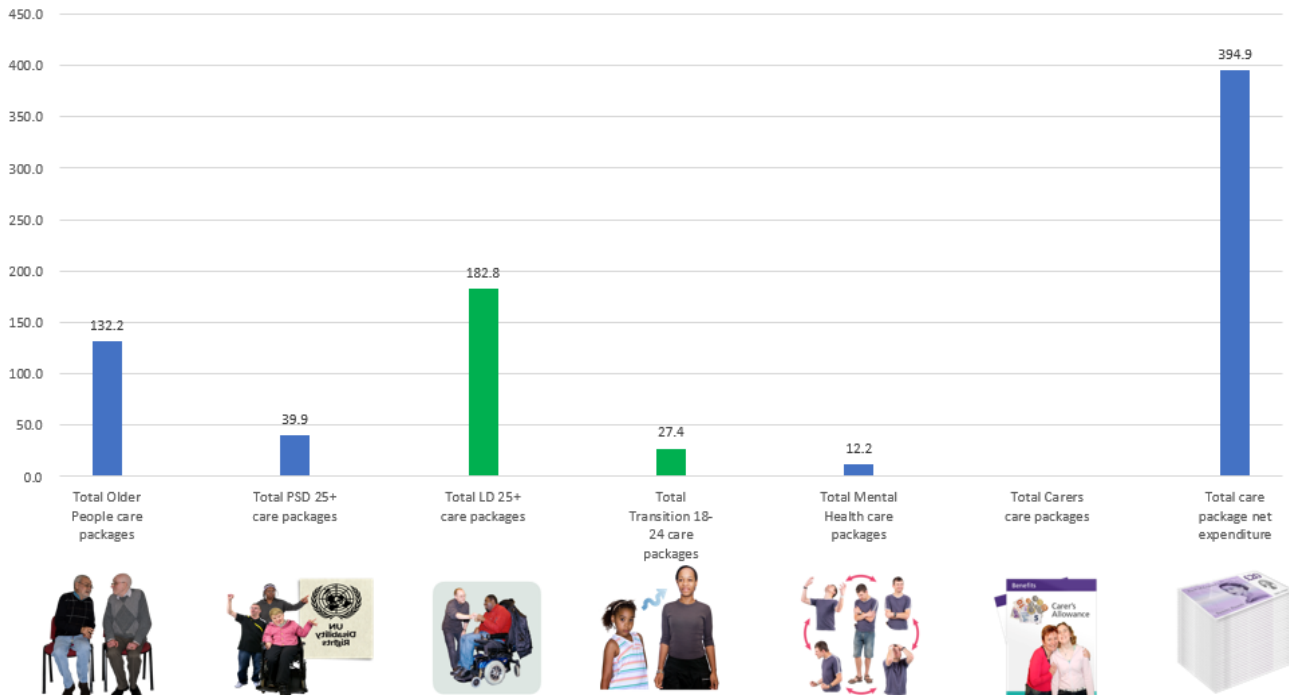
In the draft budget Surrey County Council wants to spend the most money on Adult Social Care.



- The most amount of money spent on the budget was on Adult Social Care at £434.5 million

Adult Social Care breakdown:

Adult Social Care - Care Package Expenditure



- Within Adult social care – the most spent was on Learning Disabilities care packages at £182.8 million

Feedback from the Learning Disability Partnership Board on the draft budget:

It was felt this was not enough money to provide services.



It was felt council taxes would need to be raised and perhaps some spending to be cut.



Providers were worried how they would pay their staff and how their staff would be able to afford the increased council tax.



The cabinet paper for the budget will go live in February.



We will provide an update report in the next Partnership Board Valuing People Groups.

Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA):

The Join Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) is an assessment of the current and future health and social care needs of the local community.



Surrey County Council and the NHS work together to do the assessment.

The Aim of the assessment is to:

- Improve health and wellbeing of the local community
- Reduce inequalities within the local community.

We will develop and update the JSNA in 2023.

Wherever possible the JSNA will support Surrey County Council and the NHS to plan how they:

- Spend money
- Prioritise resources
- Respond to people's need



Big Messages from the JSNA:

We need to be clear about the difference between a learning disability and a learning difficulty like dyslexia.

We need to think about the impact of the Down Syndrome Act, and what we need to do to support people with Down Syndrome.

Numbers of people with a Learning Disability.

The number of people with a learning disability aged 18+ will increase from 21,980 in 2023 to 22,971 in 2040:

Only 5000 out of 20,000 people are on the GP register, so can have an annual health check. We want to increase this.





People with learning disability do not live as long as people without a learning disability:

Women with a learning disability died 22 years sooner than the general population.

Men with learning disabilities died 11 years sooner. We want to change this.

Social care:

There was an increase in the number of children with a learning disability of 45% between 2018 – 2021.

Most adults live in Reigate and Banstead or out of area

We have a high percentage of people from BAME communities (from 18-54%)





We need more information on safeguarding.

Helping people with a learning disability stay healthy.



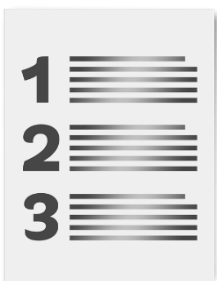
We want to help people with a learning disability to stop smoking.



There are a lot of male smokers in North West Surrey.



People with learning disabilities, particularly women, have worse health outcomes than people without a learning disability. Diabetes, and being overweight are big issues.



We need to make sure the needs of people with learning disabilities are included in plans about:

- Pregnancy

- Dementia

- Postural care



People with learning disabilities are labelled “high users” of primary and acute care, so it is important that people have support to get the right care from their GP surgery and hospitals.

A lot of people have their annual health check.

Mental Health:

We have done some work on reducing the amount of medication given to adults, but have not yet done this work with children.





We have done well in reducing the number of people with a learning disability treated in in-patient mental health hospitals, though there is more to do.

Community issues like housing and employment:



We need more information about the cost of living impact on people with a learning disability.



We don't know much about police or prison access or support.



We do well against our target of people employed. Many people with a learning disability have a paid job or voluntary work.



Hearing a voice in the community:

We have lots of ways for people to give their views, and more work is happening to help people have their say.



Further work to do:

The need into making dental services more accessible was highlighted.



More work is to be done on understanding eye health and hearing loss.