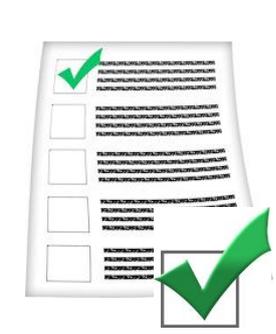


Strategy for Children, Families and Adults Services 2016 to 2021

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	<p>This document tells you about the Council's plans for services for children, families and adults.</p>
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	<h2>1. Our aims</h2>	
	<p>We want people in Cambridgeshire to live safely and independently.</p> <p>We want people to have local support networks.</p> <p>We want to make sure we can support people who need specialist services.</p>	

	<h2>2. Why we need a strategy</h2>
	<p>There are more children and adults who need support and services.</p>
	<p>We have to save money on services for children, families and adults.</p> <p>The saving we need to make is £100 million by 2020.</p>
	<p>We need to think of different ways of helping people that cost less.</p>

	<h3>3. Saving money on services</h3>
	<p>There are lots of good things going on in Cambridgeshire.</p> <p>These good things can help us to save money.</p>
	<p>And they can help us make sure people get the support they need.</p>
	<p>The good things include:</p>
	<p>People and services working together to help.</p>
	<p>Supporting people to get the help they need earlier.</p>
	<p>People doing things to help themselves and their family.</p>
	<p>And people doing things to help their friends and neighbours.</p>

	<h2>4. What will change</h2>
	<p>There will be less funding to pay for support.</p>
	<p>This means the Council will have to make some difficult choices.</p> <p>They will be difficult because people will get less help.</p>
	<p>We will pay for fewer people to get care and support.</p> <p>And some people will have to wait longer for a service.</p>
	<p>Some people will not get a service at all.</p> <p>And some people will get less support.</p> <p>This may include people we could help to be more independent.</p>

	<h2>5. What we will do</h2>
 <p>The image shows two small photographs. The top one is titled 'Our Group' and shows a group of people sitting together. The bottom one is titled 'Social Club' and shows a group of people in a social setting.</p>	<p>We will ask families and communities to support people more.</p>
 <p>The image shows a person in a purple shirt thinking, with a thought bubble above their head that says 'Future'.</p>	<p>We will help people who need long-term support to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • plan for the future • do things for themselves • get help from their family and community.
 <p>The image shows two people, one younger and one older, embracing each other. The younger person is wearing a blue and white striped shirt, and the older person is wearing a red shirt.</p>	<p>We will make sure support for people who need specialist services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • improves their quality of life • is cost-effective.
	<p>Cost-effective means uses the Council's money well.</p>
 <p>The image shows two people sitting and talking. One person is wearing a dark jacket and the other is wearing a plaid shirt.</p>	<p>We will change how we work with people. To try to stop a crisis happening. And to help them recover if one does.</p>

	<h2>6. Our services in 2020</h2>
	<p>By 2020 our services for children, families and adults will be based on 7 things.</p>
	<p>[1]</p> <p>Supporting people to be independent and to get the most from their lives.</p>
	<p>[2]</p> <p>Helping people to be responsible for their own care and support.</p> <p>And for the care of people in their family and community.</p> <p>Responsible means in control of.</p>
	<p>[3]</p> <p>Changing how people get in contact with our services.</p> <p>And responding earlier when people contact us.</p>
	<p>[4]</p> <p>Helping people to reduce, delay or avoid needing support.</p>

	Our services in 2020
	<p>[5]</p> <p>Asking people to think about the support they need.</p> <p>And planning with them how to meet those needs.</p> <p>By thinking of different ways to provide their support.</p>
	<p>[6]</p> <p>Reducing support for people using our services.</p>
	<p>[7]</p> <p>Helping places we are responsible for to manage themselves.</p> <p>This includes places like Children’s Centres, Schools, or Adult Learning Centres.</p>

	<h2>7. How we can work together</h2>
	<p>We need people to tell us their ideas.</p> <p>We want to know how we can help individuals and the community to help people more.</p>
	<p>We will talk to people who get a service from us.</p>
	<p>We will ask them if we can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide the service for less money • change the service to make it better • change the service to cost less money.
	<p>If you get a service from us we do not want to worry you.</p>
	<p>We will listen to you and help you plan ahead.</p>

	<h2>How we can work together</h2>
 <p>The image shows a diagram titled 'My area' with a central house icon and several smaller house icons connected by lines, representing a community network. To the right of the diagram is a group of four people: a man in a suit, a woman in a red top, a woman in a white top, and a man in a wheelchair.</p>	<p>We will help you to build on the support you have available.</p> <p>This may be from friends, family or your community.</p>
	<p>Support from friends, family or community means support from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • people who volunteer – for example Community Navigators • neighbours • local clubs and groups • timebanks • churches and faith groups • community centres • the library or community hub • charities • local businesses • health services • schools • children’s centres
 <p>The image shows two spiral-bound documents titled 'Support Plan'. The first document shows two people talking, and the second document shows a person in a wheelchair.</p>	<p>We will be clear about the support the Council can provide.</p> <p>And this support will be based on your individual needs.</p>
	<p>We will make sure you are kept safe.</p>

	To help us deliver this strategy people can
	<p>Get involved with their local community.</p> <p>Find out about the support that is available.</p>
	<p>Or offer support to people in need.</p>
	<p>Keep active and healthy.</p>
	<p>Help to plan and care for people in their family who need support.</p>

8. What we will do next



We will update this strategy.

We will update it when things change.

And we will update it with the things we learn when people get in contact.