

Supporting Information and Impact Assessment

Proposal:	Simple Aids for Daily Living (SADLs)
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Section 1: Background Information

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What is the proposal / issue?

This proposal seeks to reduce the Torbay Council element of the Simple Aids for Daily Living (SADLs) service budget by £20k in 2017/18 and a further £20k in 2018/19. Leaving a remaining SADLs budget in 2018/19 of £73,800 funded by Torbay Council.

The SADLs service is 'match funded' by the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) who currently make a contribution of £113,800 although it is anticipated that they will only continue to match that funded by Torbay Council.

<p>2.</p>	<p>What is the current situation?</p> <p>The SADLs service currently provides equipment for people i.e. walking frames/sticks, perching stools, toileting etc. This proposal seeks to reduce the current budget for this service and entails a review of those aids which are deemed 'ordinary' aids and do not therefore need to be funded by Social Care.</p> <p>People are assessed in the community and hospital predominantly by Occupational Therapists, nurses and Physiotherapists. This may lead to a recommendation for simple aid equipment to support rehabilitation, enable independence and support people to remain in their homes, access community, keep people mobile and prevent risks of falls. A prescription would then be written out for people to then collect the equipment from a local retailer.</p> <p>Since October 2016 Safe+Well (S+W) has been launched which offers online guidance and free advice from a S+W funded Occupational Therapist and signposts people to where they can privately fund equipment. Prescribers have been trained and are now able to support people to find their own solution to purchasing equipment privately, also providing people with a wider choice of equipment that they are able to purchase.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>What options have been considered?</p> <p>At this stage of the process this is the only option that has been considered to date as it is not a duty to provide 'ordinary' aids.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>How does this proposal support the ambitions, principles and delivery of the Corporate Plan 2015-19?</p> <p>This proposal support the following principles of the Corporate Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use reducing resources to best effect
<p>5.</p>	<p>Who will be affected by this proposal and who do you need to consult with? There is the potential for the following to be potentially affected by this proposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current and potential users of the SADLs service • Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust • South Devon and Torbay Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
<p>6.</p>	<p>How will you propose to consult?</p> <p>Consultation will be undertaken as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion with partner organisations

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This proposal will also be consulted upon as part of the general budget consultation – online and paper copies of the questionnaire will be made available.
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Section 2: Expected Implications and Impact Assessment
 (These sections will be updated and expanded following the consultation period.)

7.	<p>What are the <u>expected</u> financial and legal implications?</p> <p>None.</p>
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8.	<p>What are the <u>expected</u> risks? Expected risks if the proposal is implemented:</p> <p>People not able to afford or choose not to purchase the equipment needed potentially resulting in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased risk of falls Isolation Pressure on family/carers to provide solution
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Section 3: Public Services Value (Social Value) Act 2012

9.	<p>Public Services Value (Social Value) Act 2012</p> <p>N/A</p>
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10.	<p>What evidence / data / research have you gathered in relation to this proposal?</p> <p>The SADL budget is not capped and is projecting an under-spend of £45k for 2015/16 therefore the £40k reduction will be found from the underspend and therefore will not affect members of the public as the current service provision will not change.</p> <p>Since the original proposal was proposed the November rollout of Safe+Well which uses the asset based approach to support people to self fund simple aid equipment has been implemented with success. People have been signposted and follow up calls of 16 people found that they had either purchased their own equipment or did not take it further, but no referral necessary, only 1 person said that they could not fund the equipment and so it was provided. This supports the proposal as it is anticipated that the £40k reduction in budget will be delivered through the Safe + Well provision.</p>
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11.	<p>What are key findings from the consultation you have carried out?</p>
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General Budget Consultation:

The following question was asked as part of the general budget consultation:

To review Council policy to determine which aids are "ordinary" and do not therefore need to be funded by Social Care.

This proposal is expected to save £20,000 in 2017/18 and £20,000 in 2018/19.

Simple Aids for Daily Living is equipment such as walking frames, sticks and perching stools. The proposed budget for next year would be £93,800.

Do you support this proposal?	Number	Percent
Yes	255	61.2%
No	141	33.8%
No answer	21	5.0%
Total	417	100.0%

The two retailers who receive 99% of the prescription sales have been consulted with closely on the Safe + Well approach and their main concerns were that people who did not have the ability to buy equipment (financially or practically) were left at risk/a disadvantage. It was explained that people would be supported and should a prescriber feel that the person would be at risk without the equipment then they would provide it.

12.

Amendments to Proposal / Mitigating Actions

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Equality Impacts

13	Identify the potential positive and negative impacts on specific groups		
	Positive Impact	Negative Impact & Mitigating Actions	Neutral Impact
Older or younger people		No differential impact	
People with caring Responsibilities		No differential impact	
People with a disability		No differential impact	
Women or men		No differential impact	
People who are black or from a minority ethnic background (BME) <i>(Please note Gypsies / Roma are within this community)</i>		No differential impact	
Religion or belief (including lack of belief)		No differential impact	
People who are lesbian, gay or bisexual		No differential impact	
People who are transgendered		No differential impact	
People who are in a marriage or civil partnership		No differential impact	
Women who are pregnant /		No differential impact	

	on maternity leave	
	Socio-economic impacts (Including impact on child poverty issues and deprivation)	No differential impact
	Public Health impacts (How will your proposal impact on the general health of the population of Torbay)	No differential impact
14	Cumulative Impacts – Council wide (proposed changes elsewhere which might worsen the impacts identified above)	None
15	Cumulative Impacts – Other public services (proposed changes elsewhere which might worsen the impacts identified above)	None