

Adult Services and Housing

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Adult Social Care

The delegated services delivered directly or purchased are as follows:

Residential and Nursing Home Provision

Providing accommodation, care and support to clients unable to live at home. They may have chronic/complex needs which prevent them from being cared for safely at home or within another setting.

Care and Support (Domiciliary) and Day Care Services

Domiciliary care provides tailored personal care and support within a client's home to meet their individual needs. The person is visited at various times of the day or, in some cases, care is provided over a full 24-hour period. The integrated approach in Torbay continues to develop the range of skills that are available to support people with both personal and non-personal care. Day care is provided outside of the client's home and offers a range of meaningful social activities aimed at sustaining a person's capacity to live independently and enjoyment of life.

Learning Disabilities

Organisations within Torbay work together to ensure that people with a learning disability are able to enjoy the same basic rights as anyone else. People are housed and supported to find work that is suited to them. They are able to enjoy time with friends and family and take part in the culture and community of Torbay.

Mental Health Services

These services organise support for people with acute/severe and enduring mental health problems, using appropriate residential, nursing, domiciliary and day care services as well as providing specialist advice to other frontline teams. Services for people aged over 65 including those with dementias, are provided by the Integrated Care Organisation (ICO). Mental health services for people of working age under 65, are provided by Devon Partnership Trust and the ICO plays a lead role in co-ordination of these services.

Support to Carers

Information, advice and emotional support to carers is provided which seeks to prevent the breakdown of their own physical or mental health in carrying out their vital role. Flexible breaks and other support is available which is not dependent on accessing statutory services. The service enables an appropriate response to most needs and an effective referral mechanism for more complex cases.

Voluntary Sector

A vibrant voluntary and third sector is considered to be an intrinsic element of the care and support system. Commissioning, coordinating and the encouragement of both local and national organisations are undertaken to create a network of provision to support individuals and local communities.

Joint Equipment Store

The Community Equipment Service is jointly commissioned by Torbay Council and Southern Devon Clinical Commissioning Group from an independent service provider. It prescribes items of community equipment to promote independent living, palliative care and timely transfers of care.

The service provides complex aids for daily living (including specialist beds, mattresses, hoists and syringe pumps) and minor adaptations (such as grab rails and ramps). It also provides the administration for the Simple Aids for Daily Living (including walking frames, shower stools and bath boards) service which is provided by a range of local retailers.

Other Adult Services

This section of the budget covers services to Torbay Council Partnership Commissioning Team which provides a strategic commissioning approach to local adult social care challenges. It works with local partners and other local authorities across the region. It is pursuing the integration agenda by working increasingly closely with Public Health and Children's Services, to design ways of meeting the needs of families and the community. This includes looking at housing and accommodation issues, new ways of contracting with providers such as outcomes based working, seeking to bring in new investment to enable positive changes to the care system and continuing to find new, innovative ways to provide improved care and wellbeing for the population.

It ensures that the council remains compliant with legislation such as the Care Act 2014 and is represented at a regional and national level for Adult Social Services. It also oversees the contract with the ICO and the delivery of the delegated tasks.

Accommodation based and outreach support for vulnerable young people and families

This service provides mediation for vulnerable young homeless people, supported lodgings with host families and Foyer accommodation to support young homeless people into employment and training.

Family support

The Family Support Service provides accommodation and support for people experiencing domestic abuse, accommodation based support for families with complex needs and local commissioning of services supporting the Government's troubled families programme. Assessment, resettlement and accommodation support for single vulnerable homeless people and rough sleepers.

Specialist housing

This service covers extra care housing and accommodation with support for people with learning disabilities and poor mental and physical health.

Advocacy support and advice

Provides advocacy for patients and carers to feedback on health and social care and has input to the quality assurance of local provision including, care homes and community services.