

Day Opportunities Update to Scrutiny - 7 February 2022



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Scrutiny Key Messages

Scope and Context

Sandwell Council provides Day Services to Older People, People with Sensory Impairments, Dementia as well as Learning Disabilities. This update however focuses on our work with Learning Disability Day Services

Re-Cap - Our Vision for Day Services

To provide building based day care only to those who need it

Day Opportunities in the community for those who are more independent

New and diverse day opportunities on a pick n mix basis that supports “An Ordinary Life”

The right day opportunities identified and brokered for the individual

Strength based and Independence Focussed



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to an ordinary life.

Scrutiny Key Messages

Still in a 'Tactical' mode

OMICRON has brought new challenges

Ensuring services, both Internal and External, are deliverable, staffing levels are sufficient and service users are kept as safe as possible



External Commissioned Services

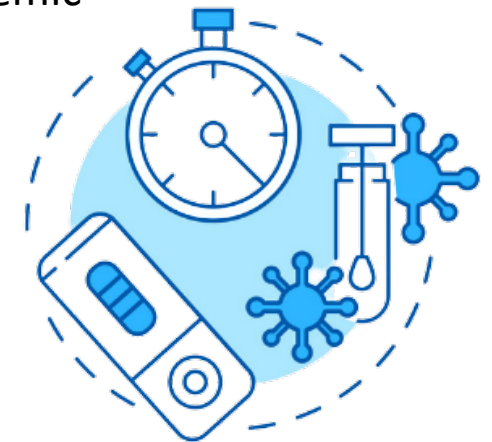
Around 80% of service users now back in some form of support

The majority accessing the community via Outreach where they were building based before

Some service users may not yet be receiving the level of support they received before the Pandemic – Providers still coping with reductions in staffing due to absence and staff isolating as well as continued infection control measures reducing capacity.

Some service users and families choosing not to return to services yet

As soon as we are able, all service users will be reviewed and support plans updated



External Market

Most people are now back in support either Building Based or Outreach for the more independent

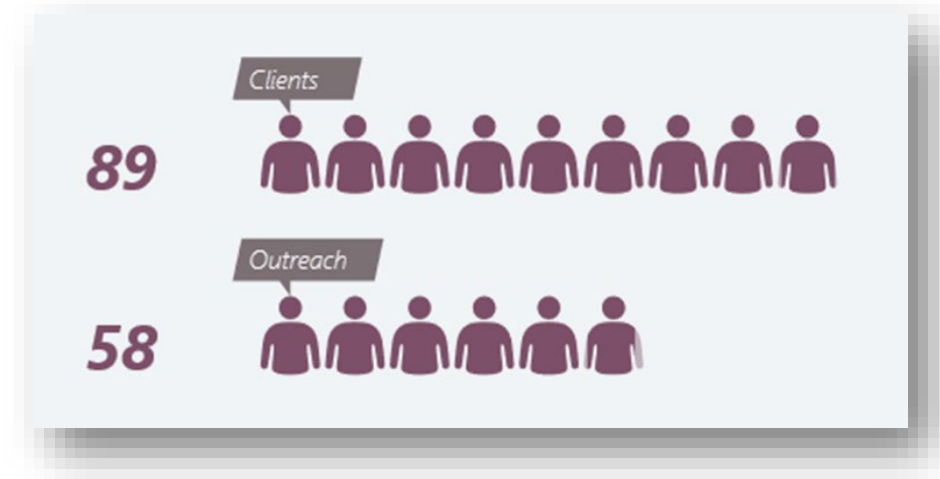
Outreach rather than Building Based does represent a step towards the Vision – demonstrating that not everyone has gone back to how it was before

At the moment focus on keeping services operational and keeping service users safe

Need time (and stability) to develop the market – need to build peoples aspirations – people like and want what they know – need encouragement to try new approaches.

Still in a tactical phase – OMICRON is bringing renewed challenges – positive service users and positive and isolating staff

At the moment focus remains on keeping services operational and keeping service users safe



Internal Services

Scoping a 12 Week Assessment Pathway

Developing a community navigation service

Working alongside social work staff to provide a more thorough assessment of a persons abilities and where support is needed to live as independently as possible.

Look at employment, training and volunteering potential and travel training promoting independence

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Postural Care

Portway

Next Steps

Market Development – Diverse Opportunities

Work with existing providers to transform day services

Engagement with service users and families to identify new forms of Day Opportunities - Involvement of Changing Our Lives

Promote the use of Direct Payments for service users and families to make the most of new Day Opportunities

Implement 12 week assessment programme from Stoney Lane

Embed Travel Training and Employment Support within assessment and support

