

**MANAGING THE MARKET**

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOODS**

**1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 This presentation provides information relating to the care and support provider market in Sunderland and provides an update on the ongoing risks and recovery from the coronavirus pandemic. The report is one of a series of regular updates to the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 Council currently operates a range of commissioning arrangements for the provision of adult care and support services. The Council's preferred method of securing services is via a formal procurement process whereby the Council enters into a contractual arrangement with care and support providers. There are services that are commissioned that sit outside of a formal contracted arrangement whereby services have been arranged on an individual basis. Individuals are also able to commission services directly with providers via Direct Payment arrangements.
- 2.2 The Commissioning Team is responsible for facilitating market development, management of demand and supply, and ensuring the quality of services provided by the market are of a high standard, appropriate and flexible to the needs of the individuals being supported.
- 2.3 The ongoing coronavirus pandemic has remained a key focus for the Committee and updates have reflected this throughout 2020/21.

**3. Current Position**

- 3.1 During the pandemic the format of reporting has adapted to ensure the information remains current, provides the committee with the latest updates and works effectively in the virtual arena.
- 3.2 The presentation attached at Appendix 1 of this report covers a number of key issues including:
- Key Successes
  - The Current Position
  - Going Forward
  - Safeguarding Update

**4. Recommendation**

- 4.1 That the committee notes and comments on the update and presentation.