
Community Partners Update

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Care Act 2014 Duties

The Care Act 2014 has six key principles:

- Empowerment
- Prevention
- Proportionality
- Protection
- Partnership
- Accountability

The Care Act 2014 breaks local authority statutory duties down into:

- General responsibilities, such as how we promote wellbeing, prevent, reduce and delay the need for care and support and offer information, advice and guidance
- Assess and meet needs
- Direct Payments
- Financial assessments, charging for care and deferred payment schemes
- Deferred Payments
- Continuity of Care
- Market oversight and provider failure
- Transition for children to adult care support
- Advocacy
- Safeguarding

Note: This is not a definitive list

Indicative Funding

Total

£3,439,048

Council

Funding supports Community Health and Care, Learning Disability and Mental Health Services

03

ICB

Contributes to a range of Mental Health and Community Health and Care Services

02

BCF

Funding contributions towards Community Health and Care Services

01

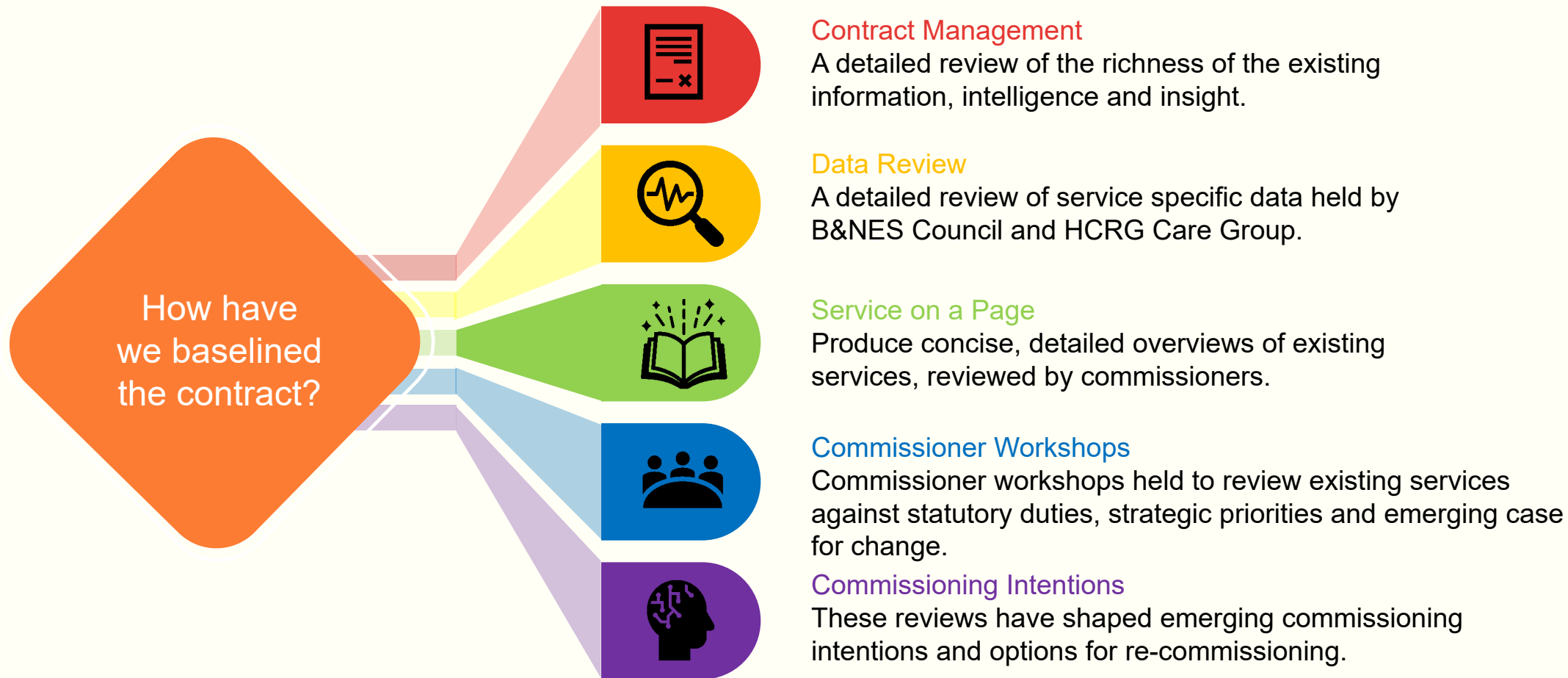
£2,187,306

£626,586

£625,156

These x3 funding sources
make up the indicative total
of £3,439,048









What the Commissioners have done so far



Contract Baselineing



Emerging Case for Change for Community Support

	<h2>Support for Carers</h2>	<p>A new Carers Strategy co-produced in 2024 sets out the key priorities and actions required to achieve the best support possible for carers in Bath and <u>North East Somerset</u>. This strategy describes what is working well and what needs to be improved to ensure adult carers are recognised, valued and well supported.</p>	
	<h2>Mental Health</h2>	<p>The mental health support network in B&NES aims to provide accessible and effective services to individuals and families in need, focussing on Prevention, Early Intervention, Community Based Services, and Person-Centred Care. Current provision need to be aligned to the new BSW Mental Health Strategy being finalised this autumn and to population need, <u>in particular for housing with care and support</u>.</p>	
	<h2>Health & Inequalities</h2>	<p>B&NES recognises that health is influenced by a wide range of social, economic and environmental factors. Therefore, the approach to Health and Inequalities focusses on Prevention, Equity, Community Involvement and Partnerships. It is underpinned by the Health Inequalities Strategy, Public Health-led focus on primary prevention and new model of Integrated Community Based Care and integrated neighbourhoods.</p>	
	<h2>Think Family</h2>	<p>B&NES has adopted a Think Family framework that promotes the importance of a whole-family approach. This means securing better outcomes for adults, children and families by coordinating the support and delivery of services from all organisations. This approach is being embedded in all community services being commissioned.</p>	
	<h2>Support closer to home</h2>	<p>B&NES places a disproportionate number of people in out of area services due to lack of local alternatives. The council is committed to increasing local housing with care options for people who have a learning or physical disability, are autistic or neurodiverse.</p>	



Market Engagement Events

The Council and 3SG is committed to engagement and co-production with the third sector.

The Council leads the following engagement events

- 24th September 2024 engagement with incumbent 3rd sector providers
- 8th October 2024 market engagement event opened to organisations from wider market

36 representatives attended the session, with 12 representatives from existing service providers and 24 representatives from a range of other interested parties that do not currently provide services within the B&NES Adult Social Care Service portfolio

- 30th October 2024 engagement event led by 3SG with Council commissioners on the art of the possible
- 1st November 2024 engagement event with the 3rd sector providers, well attended (over 30 people)



Key Themes from the engagement Events

- The importance of purpose driven organisations
- The third sector is a public benefit organisation
- Focus on the joint purpose
- More alliance with the ICB
- Equal partnership and seeking to understand the needs of both the third sector and the Council
- Requires a strategic partnership approach
- Lack of Council appetite for risk as concerns about fear of challenge
- Over complicated processes - less transactional arrangements
- Open book approach to partners
- Funding from other funding sources much more flexible
- Concerns about new providers joining the market and then sub-contracting to local providers
- More of a shared relationship and flexible approach to the sector
- Wellbeing Hub is a great example of how well we work together
- Good robust relationship between sector and commissioners
- Both the Council and the sector require agility
- Seek to expand innovation



Market Engagement Event on 8 October 2024

Next steps

- Research those Councils who have managed to change their model and what lessons they have learnt
- Develop commissioning models with the sector
- Analyse themes from two market engagement events to inform the community support model
- Develop commissioning intentions and commissioning model for 2024/25
- Continue engaging with service providers on bridging current contracts and future community support arrangements