

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Question 6:

That officers consult with representatives from Liverpool City Council and Monmouthshire County Council to develop understanding of their operating model and recent decisions to develop new residential care homes for people with dementia.

Liverpool City Council

The council proposes to design and build three new 50-bed 'flexible' residential and nursing care homes that will accommodate people with dementia as well as people with other long-term residential and nursing care needs in the city.

There is no split identified within the capital investment programme between numbers of residential units to be supplied or numbers of residential care units. As these are new services, no TUPE issues are identified.

The homes will be developed by the city council utilising capital resources of £18million. They will then be leased to a private company to manage and to run – including the delivery of care - forming part of an overall investment strategy by the council.

The first development will be leased to Shaw Healthcare (a cooperatively run organisation) which 'offered the highest rental'. The Shaw Healthcare are expected to be the leaseholders for each of the developments.

The city council see these as investments in land and buildings to provide a capital return. There is currently no link to on-going care fee levels as the homes are free to provide to the private as well as the council and health sectors.

The city council is also responding to serious issues in the city. A significant number of care homes in the city are currently rated by CQC as 'Requires Improvement'. The quality indicators of care homes are significantly below the national average. The council has appointed a Quality Assurance and Safeguarding Unit to carry out monitoring visits against an agreed quality indicator framework.

	Liverpool	Southampton
CQC rating		
Outstanding	1	2
Good	40	71
Requires improvement	26	9
Inadequate	6	0
Not yet inspected	8	5
Total homes	81	87

Monmouthshire County Council

The council has been working on plans to update current residential provision in the county since 2017. The current plans are designed to replace residential care beds in one home for people living with dementia with a new building also of 32 beds. The proposal is still at the planning stage, with no planning permission granted, and with capital and revenue funding still to be confirmed.

The new development, if agreed, will update facilities available locally.

Current residential service	Proposed residential service
Care for people living with dementia	Care for people living with dementia
32 beds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26 long term beds • 4 short-term beds (respite) • 2 step up/step down beds 	32 beds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 long term beds • 8 short-term beds (4 – respite; 4 step up/step down)
Bedrooms are not en-suite	All rooms en-suite
Long corridors	4 units of 8 rooms
Two floors	One floor level
	Hub for community services, including home care in the neighbourhood

The potential new residential care development

Monmouthshire have not yet made a decision on whether to proceed with the development. The home will be part of a broader development of a large site in Chepstow. At the Adults Select Committee meeting on 26th November 2018 suggestions were made to increase capacity to 48 beds (planning allowing), although no plans have been put forward as to the mix of the additional places.

The capital funding required has yet to be fully confirmed and relies on a revenue bid to the central Welsh government.

Revenue funding for the service is considered to be ‘the main issue’.

There are also significant issues with transport to the site identified for the new development. It has no car parking identified and is not close to a bus route.

The plans will be subject to planning permission (not yet sought).