

# **Supported Living Demand and Need in Leicestershire**

**Update January 2023**

## **1. Introduction**

This update is an additional statement, following on from previous information published in October 2022. A further full quarterly update is due in Spring 2023.

This document includes.

- details around the supply and demand for Supported Accommodation in Leicestershire, including pipeline developments, due to be available within the next 2 years. We have provided detail of these updates, alongside existing provision, to aid providers/developers understanding of the current market across Leicestershire. We have also provided a recap of the previous monthly demand rates.
- details around demand for additional Nursing Care provision across Leicestershire.
- an update on a change to Leicestershire County Councils short to medium term approach to the acquisition of supported accommodation and collaboration with the wider market
- upcoming changes to the arrangements for supported living contracts from Leicestershire County Council and:
- highlights around CQC's strategic direction for new supported living services for working age adults with a learning disability and/or autism. This includes guidance around design, location, and size of new supply of supported accommodation.

## **2. Brief Overview of Need**

Those with learning disability remain the highest category of service user living within Supported Accommodation.

However, general areas of growth for Leicestershire include:

- those with mental health conditions, with a focus on recovery, resilience, and support with substance misuse
- young adults with disabilities (transitions), aged 16-20, in particular step through provision
- individuals who require fully accessible wheelchair accommodation, including for those with bariatric needs
- older adults with a learning disability who have additional needs (dementia, substance misuse, mobility issues)
- individuals who previously came under the umbrella of the Transforming Care Programme (TCP) now referred to as complex need/Learning Disability and Autism

As previously stated in the Oct 2022 statement, due to the number of current pipeline developments planned across the County in 2023, no further developments will be considered for 2023 (unless stated in section 4 of this document as required as an urgent or specific need).

In general, Charnwood (Loughborough), North-West Leicestershire (Coalville) and Hinckley remain the areas which see the highest demand but more recently Harborough District and Melton Borough has also seen demand increase. Melton in particular, has a lack of supply.

We will not consider proposals that do not fall within the demand outlined in 4 'Anticipated Future Demand' contained within this document, for the period following publication and until the next quarterly demand is produced (Spring 2023).

### 3. Supply

#### 3.1 Existing Supported Living Supply in Leicestershire

##### Current Units per Locality

The following data includes a mix of accommodation provision but does not include sole tenancy properties.

	Total
Blaby	46
Charnwood	198
Harborough	113
Hinckley and Bosworth	169
Melton	36
NW Leicestershire	26
Oadby and Wigston	58
Out of County	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>649</b>

#### 3.2 New Supply - Planned Supported Accommodation Developments 2023 - 2024

This does not include Extra Care Schemes

Locality Pipeline in 2023	Confirmed	Confirmed (subject to planning)	Potential units (subject to LCC Strategy and/or discussions with Providers/Developers)	TOTAL
Blaby, Oadby and Wigston		24	12	36
Charnwood	16			16
Harborough				
Hinckley & Bosworth	5			5
Melton				
NW Leics	15			15

<b>TOTAL UNITS FOR 2023</b>				<b>72</b>
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#### Pipeline Units per Cohort in 2023

General	55
Young Adults with Disabilities (transitions)	5
Mental Health	12
Complex/Challenging Needs	0

<b>Locality Pipeline in 2024</b>	<b>Confirmed</b>	<b>Confirmed (subject to planning)</b>	<b>Potential units (subject to LCC Strategy and/or discussions with Providers/Developers)</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Blaby, Oadby and Wigston				
Charnwood			11	11
Harborough				
Hinckley & Bosworth			12	12
Melton				
NW Leics		10		10
<b>TOTAL UNITS FOR 2024</b>				<b>33</b>

#### Pipeline Units per Cohort in 2024

General	
Young Adults with Disabilities (transitions)	10
Mental Health	23
Complex/Challenging Needs	

#### 4. Anticipated Future Demand

As stated above, due to an increase in activity around Supported Accommodation in the last two years, there are several pipeline developments coming on stream across the County in 2023.

For the short to medium term (2024-2025), we are currently seeking:

- smaller developments in specific locations (ideally less than 8 units), particularly in Melton and Market Harborough

- Smaller developments in general, ideally 8-10 max (this is currently under review)
- the inclusion of fully wheelchair accessible spaces within any new development.
- Internal space standard of 47 sqm for a one-bedroom apartment and 56 sqm for a wheelchair accessible apartment to be achieved as far as is viable on a particular site
- Locations with good public transport links, off road parking and where possible, external space for tenants
- Locations with accessible links to wider community resources and amenities.
- Details of Leicestershire's guidance on Supported Accommodation please see <https://resources.leicestershire.gov.uk/adult-social-care-and-health/working-with-the-council/providing-supported-living-accommodation>

There is continued challenge particularly within shared accommodation where a number of voids exist. Therefore, potential new shared supply should factor in whether this is a sustainable offer given the changing profile of demand:

- Younger adults with emotional behaviour support needs and mental health
- Reduced mobility and requirements for fully wheelchair accessible, bariatric needs and/or ground floor facilities
- Internal/external communal space(s) and how utilised
- Adequate sound insulation and adequate storage

## **Nursing Care**

The local authority is producing a Market Sustainability Plan that contains details of emerging needs for an increase in the provision of nursing beds in residential care homes, across the County.

There are many complex factors affecting this sector and a Nursing Bed Strategy will be produced by the authority. In the interim, we would be interested to be informed of any potential opportunities to address this undersupply that you (or your contacts) may be able to explore.

For all potential development opportunities, we ask that you continue to advise SCIP by emailing us at [scip@leics.gov.uk](mailto:scip@leics.gov.uk) at the earliest stage.

## **5. Leicestershire County Council (LCC) Budget Constraints**

The challenging financial position facing local authorities and Social Care in general are well documented. Leicestershire County Council publish a 4-year budget plan each year, known as the medium-term financial strategy. It includes areas where investment is planned to meet increased demand and areas earmarked for savings.

Budget proposals for 2023-2027 are due to be published in late February. In light of this, LCC will no longer be seeking to purchase supported accommodation but will focus on working collaboratively with the market to increase supply across the County.

## **6. Upcoming changes to the arrangements for supported living contracts from Leicestershire County Council**

A review is currently underway of the commissioning arrangements for Supported Living support services. The Dynamic Purchasing System has been in place for several years and what future contractual arrangements look like is being explored.

This review is being undertaken by the Lead Commissioner for Working Age Adults, who can be contacted via [ascengage@leics.gov.uk](mailto:ascengage@leics.gov.uk). All market engagement around this review are also advertised via [www.sourceleicestershire.co.uk](http://www.sourceleicestershire.co.uk), where you will need to be registered to receive information.

This change will affect development of new supported accommodation which is being developed for 2024 onwards as it is currently unclear how the new care and support element will be arranged. A further update on this is due in Spring 2023.

## **7. CQC - Supported accommodation and support for people with autism and/or learning disability**

CQC has updated its expectations around the registering of new supported living services for the above group. They expect all Providers, existing and future, to understand their regulatory approach, national policy, current best practice, and principles of good, supported accommodation, as set out in Right Support, Right Care, Right Culture.

[https://www.cqc.org.uk/sites/default/files/2022-06/900582%20Right%20support%20right%20care%20right%20culture\\_v5\\_0.pdf](https://www.cqc.org.uk/sites/default/files/2022-06/900582%20Right%20support%20right%20care%20right%20culture_v5_0.pdf)

In particular around the size, setting and design of the service to meet people's expectations must align with current best practice. The following (among other) principles are highlighted:

- People who use services, and their families and representatives, are involved in the design of the service. Providers should explain how they have taken account of their preferences.
- The service is in the local community or has good access to the local community and its amenities. It is not in secluded grounds or geographically isolated.
- The size, scale (number of beds) and design of the premises:
  - do not compromise the quality of care, people's safety, or their human rights
  - allow people's dignity and privacy to be maintained
  - facilitate person-centred care
  - are in line with current best practice guidance
  - are not developed as a new campus or congregate setting
- Within the premises, the environment:
  - will not feel impersonal and intimidating
  - will not feel institutional
  - maintains people's dignity and privacy
  - meets people's sensory needs and preferences.