

Our Vision for Adult Social Care

‘To help people live their own lives and play a full and active part in the life of the community.’

The Challenges facing Adult Social Care in Central Bedfordshire



An ageing
population



Increasing demand
and complexity



Funding
pressures



Inflation and the
cost of living crisis



Shortages in the
social care workforce



Fragility in the
care market



Quality
of care

Our Strategic Aims



Promoting independence
and wellbeing



Building resilient communities and
keeping vulnerable people safe



Making best use of
available resources



Shaping and supporting the
care market and workforce

Our Key Ambitions

- Invest in prevention to support people to remain independent and delay the need for long term care.
- Deliver person centred practice focusing on a person's strengths.
- Joined up working across health, social care and the voluntary sector to improve services for the people who use them.
- Provide suitable housing and enable people to live in the place that is right for them.

- Capture the voice of people who use services to enable them to take an active part in designing and shaping everything we do.
- Work with unpaid carers to design support that helps them continue in their role.
- Ensure that people who are vulnerable and at risk of abuse are protected from harm or mistreatment.
- Provide information and advice that is easy to find and accessible to all.
- Commit to tackling inequalities and advancing equality of opportunity for all.

- Offer the use of assistive technology and invest in technology that integrates into real-life situations.
- Encourage innovation and implement new ways of working.
- Take a holistic approach which makes best use of the available assets/resources.
- Review the assets available to the Council and replace outdated facilities.

- Work in partnership with care providers to deliver the best quality of care for residents.
- Ensure the care market has sufficient capacity and is sustainable.
- Develop and support the Adult Social Care workforce.