

ANGUS HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP



MARKET FACILITATION STATEMENT INTERIM UPDATE 2025-2026

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1. Background

What is a Market Facilitation Statement?

As a requirement of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014, Integration Joint Boards (IJB) are required to produce a Market Facilitation Statement (MFS).

The IJB's Strategic Commissioning Plan (SCP) 2023 – 2026 describes the direction of travel and approach to improve health and wellbeing outcomes. The MFS explains how Angus Health and Social Care Partnership (AHSCP) intends to deliver on the SCP ensuring there is a diverse, appropriate and affordable provision available to meet needs and deliver effective outcomes both now and in the future. AHSCP recognises that successful strategic planning and service delivery depend on a strong partnership working between all involved parties and on the co-creation of new solutions to complex problems and challenges.

Commissioning of reliable, sustainable service provision that meets required quality standards is fundamental for the safe care and effective treatment of service users, and the on-going development and planning of services. Market facilitation will help us and our partners to take a strategic approach to understanding and meeting local need for health and social care services in Angus. It also recognises the role that our partners have in actively contributing towards economic growth in the Angus area whilst also creating employment opportunities in Angus.

The plan is for all adult care groups and will provide the foundation for the direction of travel and delivery of contracts and grants for:

- Carers
- Homelessness Support
- Learning Disability
- Mental Health
- Palliative Care
- Physical Disability
- Older People
- Substance Use
- Suicide Prevention
- Angus Alcohol and Drug Partnership

Through implementing the MFS, we can ensure that we are responsive to the changing needs of Angus service users. The MFS aims to identify what the future demand for care and support might look like and help support and shape the market to meet our future needs.

We have published information through our Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and through our performance reports.

Who Is It For?

The Market Facilitation Statement is aimed at existing and potential providers of care, support and accommodation for adult services in Angus. The Market Facilitation Statement 2023-2026 sets out our service and accommodation requirements for the future to allow us to work together to deliver positive outcomes for the people of Angus.

What does this Market Facilitation Statement Interim Update contain?

This Market Facilitation Statement Interim Update 2025-26 contains information on our current position, future commissioning needs and intentions as set out in section 2.

The Market Facilitation Statement 2023-2026 contains a summary of current services in Angus including demographic data and details of current service provision including accommodation split by service area and future demand information. This Market Facilitation Statement Interim Update 2025-2026 is designed to support the main document and provide an up-to-date position of our commissioning needs for the coming year.

Why have we developed an Interim Update?

This interim update highlights our current position and known requirements for future commissioning. There are a number of existing and emerging demographic and service pressures within Angus Health and Social Care Partnership, however as there is limited financial capacity to fund these additional commitments, there is a need to consider how commissioned services can adapt to support these additional requirements whilst delivering best value.

For this MFS Interim Update to achieve improved outcomes and experiences for the people of Angus, as well as financial sustainability and contribute to the Angus Integrated Joint Board's (AIJB) goals, we will need to embrace a change to our existing ways of working. Crucially, we need to continue to work in partnership with our Third and Independent Sector Providers, communities and individuals accessing support and their carers. As we continue to face significant challenges and competing priorities in the delivery of social care services, we will continue to seek process efficiencies and improvements to streamline our services.

A revised Strategic Commissioning Plan is due to be developed to cover 2026-2029 which will include a full, revised Market Facilitation Statement including refreshed demographic and service data.

2. Current Priorities & Potential Future Models

This section sets out our current priorities and potential future commissioning requirements. Each of the priorities listed below is linked to one of more of our Strategic Priorities which will help to support the delivery of the AHSCP Strategic Commissioning Plan 2023 – 2026.

Current priorities and potential future models for adults aged over 65

Current Priority	Strategic Priority			Potential Future Model
	Prevention & proactive care	Care closer to home	Mental health, learning disability & substance use recovery	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Day Opportunities Strategic Framework – Developing of the framework is underway. The purpose is to develop a wide range of day opportunities in Angus ensuring there is adequate, accessible provision for those that need it. The framework will include a variety of options for people using both building bases and community options. The framework will focus on the wider approach to promoting independence, rather than solely looking at a one-size fits all approach. 	✓			There are opportunities for commissioned providers and the third sector to consider different models of day opportunities. This may include lunch clubs or other community-based activities. This could include registered and non-registered services. It is anticipated that this work will support us to deliver our financial objectives as stated within a recent IJB report in August 2024.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Care Home Accommodation – Angus has a number of residential and nursing care homes, primarily for adults over 		✓		Invite current care providers to consider expanding the number of care home beds/ use of beds in Angus. Consider new providers entering the care home market in Angus and options to expand the

the age of 65 however in order to ensure there is sufficient capacity within the system there is a need to consider how the market could be expanded.				footprint of existing care homes to expand the available provision and to increase the sustainability of the local Care Home sector.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home First – Model to support timely discharges from hospital through the use of a centralised team. 		✓		There will be opportunities for care at home providers to support this initiative through the enhanced use of technology to identify efficiencies within care at home support to meet the ongoing and increasing demand.

Current priorities and potential future models for adults aged under 65

Current Priority	Strategic Priority			Potential Future Model
	Prevention & proactive care	Care closer to home	Mental health, learning disability & substance use recovery	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supported Accommodation – there is a shortage of supported accommodation for adults aged under 65 in Angus from the following services, Learning Disabilities, Mental Health, Homelessness and Substance Use. 		✓	✓	AHSCP would invite current supported accommodation providers to consider expanding their accommodation within Angus. Consideration will also be given to new providers entering the supported accommodation market in Angus. We currently utilise the Scotland Excel frameworks for commissioning and encourage providers to participate when applicable.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential Accommodation – there are currently only two care homes in Angus for adults with learning disabilities. Demographic growth data and future accommodation requirements indicates that additional 		✓	✓	AHSCP would invite current care providers to consider expanding the number of care home beds in Angus. Consideration will also be given to new providers entering the care home market in Angus.

residential care provision is required for adults under the age of 65.				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Care at Home – there is need to further develop the care at home markets in Angus for those aged under 65, particularly for those with complex needs including autism. 		✓	✓	AHSCP would invite current care at home providers to consider expanding their services in Angus where possible. Consideration will also be given to new providers entering the care at home market in Angus through the ongoing review of the option 3 framework.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coming Home –AHSCP are committed to reducing the number of out-of-area residential placements and inappropriate hospital stays for adults with a learning disability. 		✓	✓	There is a lack of complex care provision in Angus. AHSCP would invite complex care providers to discuss entering the residential/ nursing care market in Angus.
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3. Next Steps and Key Commitments

- AHSCP will work with the Angus Council Procurement and Commissioning Team to deliver engagement sessions with Providers to notify the market of our current priorities and our potential, future commissioning requirements.
- We will encourage the involvement of those with lived experience in our Commissioning planning and decision making as well as service design and delivery to ensure services continue to be co-produced.
- We will encourage providers to get in contact with AHSCP if they would like to discuss future commissioning opportunities.
- AHSCP will continue to foster collaborative relationships further as the social care market works towards overcoming unprecedented financial challenges, staff recruitment and retention issues, an ageing population and increasing complex needs.
- Using the frontline knowledge and experience of Providers, we will seek new ideas and innovation which will support our ongoing demand for services. Ensuring that new models are developed through co-production with those with lived experience.
- We recognise and value the vital role that unpaid carers play in supporting people to live meaningful lives. Existing and prospective Providers should understand the role of unpaid carers and be able to respond effectively through a holistic approach.
- AHSCP will continue to embed the principals of Fair Work First to all commissioned services where it is relevant to do so.
- AHSCP will ensure that the principals and requirements of the Equality Act, Fairer Scotland Duty, UNCRC, Consumer Duty and climate sustainability are embedded in all decision making including commissioned services.
- Continue to seek opportunities to improve service provision and efficiency using Technology Enabled Care (TEC).