

# Commissioning Position Statement

## Intermediate Care and Reablement – May 2025

### Current position

It is key to Oldham's Adult Social Care Operating Model and the wider Oldham health and care system that we maximise the potential for people to be rehabilitated, either in a bed-based setting or within the community in their own home. This gives people the best opportunities to remain independent and in their own homes for as long as possible.

### Current gaps in the Oldham market

- As a system we are continuing to review the wider Intermediate Care System, for which the council is responsible for the Reablement aspects. We know what we need increased capacity for both bed based and community provision.
- There is an increasing demand for step down to reablement from the hospital, but we are also aware that staff in the community are seeing increased opportunities for people to step up from their own homes to either prevent hospital or long-term care admissions.
- Oldham's Integrated Care model is currently over two separate sites, one of which is medically led and one, commissioned by the local authority is social care led. As a system we are exploring opportunities to develop a physically integrated site in the longer term.
- We continue to collaborate with colleagues across Greater Manchester to share good practice and agree common standards, whilst recognising each locality is different, with unique challenges and existing systems in place.

### Commissioning approach

The council is legally obligated to comply with its contract procedure rules and all relevant procurement legislation in delivering services. Reablement service is commissioned to MioCare, a council owned care provider, with model being provided under a multi-disciplinary approach. Clinical support is commissioned by the Integrated Care Board (GP, Pharmacy). Adult Social Care commissions the Northern Care Alliance to provide the therapy input in the reablement services.

We are continuing to explore opportunities with our current providers in terms of how we can deliver services differently to maximise resources and increase the numbers of people we are able to support with an aim to increase reablement outcomes from both community and hospital referrals. Whilst we are not exploring any additional providers at this time, we would welcome conversations with people with lived experience or who wish to share best practice from other areas.

This document should be read in conjunction with the Oldham Council Commissioning Approach <https://www.oldham.gov.uk/mps-commissioning-approach> and Capacity and Demand Profile <https://www.oldham.gov.uk/mps-capacity-and-demand-summary>. Documents produced May 2025, reviewed annually or as required.