



## OFFICIAL EXECUTIVE DECISION NOTICE

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Notice is hereby given that the following decision(s) have been made today by Cabinet Members at the London Borough of Hillingdon:

<b>Title of decision</b>	<b>Section 12 Doctor Assessments and Best Interest Assessments</b>
<b>Reference No.</b>	CMD 239
<b>Date of decision</b>	24 August 2021
<b>Call-in expiry date</b>	01 September 2021
<b>Relevant Select Committee(s)</b>	Families, Health & Wellbeing Select Committee
<b>Relevant Ward(s)</b>	All

### Decision made

<b>Cabinet Members making the decision</b>	Leader of the Council Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care
<b>DECISION</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>  That the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care accepted the single tender from Quality Care & Recruitment Solutions Limited to the London Borough of Hillingdon for an eighteen month period from 1 July 2021 to 31 December 2022 and at an estimated value of £397,020 for the provision of Section 12 Doctor Assessments and Best Interest Assessor Assessments, as outlined in The Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) Code of Practice (statutory guidance).
<b>Reason for decision</b>	This decision will provide for 1,184 Section 12 Doctor Assessments and up to 87 Best Interest Assessor reports annually. The decision to extend the contract until 31 December 2022 ensures service continuity should the implementation of Liberty Protection Safeguards from central government be delayed and/or to ensure statutory responsibilities can be met through any required transitional period.

<b>Alternative options considered and rejected</b>	To run a competitive tender exercise and a Department of Health and Social Care database of independent Section 12 Doctors were considered and rejected.
<b>Classification</b>	Report exempt from publication:  <i>The report relating to this decision was declared as exempt from publication as it involved the disclosure of information in accordance with Section 100(A) and paragraph 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), in that the report contained information which was likely to reveal the identity of an individual and that the public interest in withholding the information outweighed the public interest in disclosing it.</i>
<b>Link to associated report</b>	Exempt report
<b>Relevant Officer contact &amp; Directorate</b>	Kate Kelly-Talbot - Social Care and Health Directorate
<b>Any interest declared by the Cabinet Member(s) / dispensation granted</b>	N/A

## **Implementation of decision & scrutiny call-in**

<b>[Internal Use only]</b>	
<b>When can this decision be implemented by officers?</b>	<p>Officers can implement Cabinet Member decision in this notice only from the expiry of the scrutiny call-in period which is:</p> <p><b>5pm, on 01 September 2021</b></p> <p>However, this is subject to the decision not being called in by Councillors on the relevant Select Committee. Upon receipt of a valid call-in request, Democratic Services will immediately advise the relevant officer(s) and the decision must then be put on hold.</p>
<b>Councillor scrutiny call-in of this decision</b>	N/A
<b>Further information</b>	<p>These decisions, where applicable, have been taken under The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.</p> <p>This is the formal notice by the Council of the above executive decision, including links to the reports where applicable.</p> <p>If you would like more information on this decision, please contact Democratic Services on 01895 250636 or email: <a href="mailto:democratic@hillington.gov.uk">democratic@hillington.gov.uk</a>.</p> <p>Circulation of this decision notice is to a variety of people including Members of the Council, Corporate Directors, Officers, Group Secretariats and the Public. Copies are also placed on the Council's website.</p>

