



OFFICIAL EXECUTIVE DECISION NOTICE PUBLISHED BY DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

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

Title of decision	CONTRACT VARIATION: DELIRIUM PATHWAY SUPPORT SERVICE
Reference No.	716
Date of decision	Thursday 09 March 2023
Call-in expiry date	Thursday 16 March 2023
Relevant Select Committee	Health and Social Care Select Committee
Relevant Wards	All

Decision made

Cabinet Members making the decision	Councillor Ian Edwards – Leader of the Council Councillor Jane Palmer – Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care
	Approved <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Approved a variation to the Homecare and Outreach – North, Extra Care Services – Parkview Court and Grassy Meadow Court and Specialist Support Services – Boroughwide contract with Comfort Care Homecare Limited to include provision of a pilot Delirium Pathway Support Service for a five-month period from 30 January 2023 at a total cost of £146,000 (£5,840 per week); and2) Agreed that this includes the provision to extend the variation for up to one further year, delegating approval of any extension to the Executive Director of Adult Services and Health, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care.
Reason for decision	Recommendation 1: If agreed, the recommendation will permit a variation to the Homecare and Outreach – North, Extra Care Services – Parkview Court and Grassy Meadow Court and Specialist Support Services - Borough-wide contract with Comfort Care Homecare Services that was approved by Cabinet in March 2022. This will enable a pilot to be established that will test a model of service provision intended to facilitate people experiencing delirium returning to their usual place of residence where they no longer require treatment in a hospital setting. The pilot is one of a range of initiatives to free up hospital beds. Concerns about managing someone with delirium can and do lead to family carers being reluctant to accept their relative back home, therefore resulting in longer stays in hospital than

	<p>medically necessary. The pilot is intended to address this and will primarily comprise of a block of 196 hours of personal care per week. The key component that makes it different from the usual domiciliary care provision is the availability of night sitting.</p> <p>Key outcome measures to determine the success of the pilot will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in the number of people being discharged to short-term placements in care homes • Increase in the number of people discharged to their usual place of residence. <p>The pilot is fully funded by the NHS and the Council is leading on the procurement of the service because of its established relationship with the proposed provider and also due to its market management and development responsibilities under the Care Act, 2014.</p> <p>Comfort Care has been invited to deliver the pilot as it is aligned to the services that they already provide to support hospital discharge, namely the Bridging Care and Reablement Services. These services are included within the scope of the contract referred to in paragraph 1 above.</p> <p>Recommendation 2: The ability to extend the duration of the pilot gives flexibility to allow it to continue if additional funding is available and operational experience suggests that this option would be beneficial to residents and Hillingdon's health and care system.</p> <p>Procurement support the recommendation to make the variation to the Homecare and Outreach North paper to enable the inclusion of this provision. The variation is within the 50% modification allowance within the regulations and satisfies the required criteria. Given the short-term availability of the funding, there is no other commercially or operationally viable solution than to award to an incumbent contractor and this particular contract represents a good alignment with existing services.</p>
<p>Alternative options considered and rejected</p>	<p>Recommendation 1: Officers have not considered a competitive tender option because of the short-term availability of the funding, i.e., 2022/23, and the consequent short duration of the pilot. However, the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care could decide not to approve the recommendation. This is not recommended as the funding is only available during 2022/23 and provides an opportunity to test a service model that has the potential to address a need that could benefit residents and release hospital beds.</p> <p>Recommendation 2: The Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care could decide not to approve</p>

	the recommendation. This is not recommended as it reduces the flexibility available to the Council and health partners.
Classification	Part 2 - Members' Only and Not for Publication
Link to associated report	<i>That this report be declared as exempt from publication as it involves the disclosure of information in accordance with Section 100(A) and paragraphs 1 & 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), in that the report contains information relating to any individual and information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual and that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.</i>
Relevant Officer contact & Directorate	Gary Collier – Adult Services and Health Directorate
Any interest declared by the Cabinet Member(s) / dispensation granted	N/A

Implementation of decision & scrutiny call-in

[Internal Use only]	
When can this decision be implemented by officers?	<p>Officers can implement Cabinet Member decision in this notice only from the expiry of the scrutiny call-in period which is:</p> <p>5pm on Thursday 16 March 2023</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>
Councillor scrutiny call-in of this decision	<p>Councillors on the relevant Select Committee shown in this notice may request to call-in this decision. The request must be before the expiry of the scrutiny call-in period above.</p> <p>Councillors should use the Scrutiny Call-in App (link below) on their devices to initiate any call-in request. Further advice can be sought from Democratic Services if required:</p> <p>Scrutiny Call-In - Power Apps (secure)</p>
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