



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	INTEGRATED STATUTORY ADVOCACY AND AN INDEPENDENT HEALTH COMPLAINTS ADVOCACY
Reference No.	1235
Date of decision	Wednesday 09 October 2024
Call-in expiry date	Wednesday 16 October 2024
Relevant Select Committee	Health and Social Care Select Committee
Relevant Wards	N/A

Decision made

Cabinet Members making the decision	Councillor Ian Edwards – Leader of the Council Councillor Jane Palmer – Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care
Decision	Approved That the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care agreed to extend the current contracts with POhWER Limited for the provision of Integrated Advocacy Services and an Independent Health Complaints Advocacy (IHCAS) to the London Borough of Hillingdon for a one-year period 01 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 at the forecasted cost of £234,618.90 for the 12-month period.
Reason for decision	<p>The current contact is provided by POhWER Limited, a UK Advocacy Charity. The 12-month contract extension set out below is being requested due to the ongoing delays in The Liberty Protection Safeguards (LPS) regulation implementation. As a result of the constant changes to the implementation date, it is necessary for an extension to ensure service cover.</p> <p>1. Integrated Statutory Advocacy (IAS) – a service which supports residents in care, in particular those with mental health needs, to have a say and ultimately direct their own care and support plans in order to maximise the opportunities of achieving their desired outcomes. Moreover, it also enables residents to make informed decisions about their care, support and treatment.</p>

	2. Independent Health Complaints Advocacy Service (IHCAS) – a service to support and empower anyone who wishes to resolve a complaint about healthcare commissioned and/ or provided by the NHS in England.
Alternative options considered and rejected	<p>To tender these services, a commissioning options review is planned for Spring 2024 to allow time to consider what the Council's residents need from the services against the different options available in terms of service models and re-commissioning options.</p> <p>As the Council has a statutory duty to provide these services, decommissioning is not an option.</p>
Classification	Part II – Members Only and Not for Publication
Link to associated report	That this report be declared as exempt from publication as it involves the disclosure of information in accordance with Section 100(A) and paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), in that the report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) and that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.
Relevant Officer contact & Directorate	Bukky Junaid – Adult Social Care 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 Wednesday 16 October 2024</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>

Further information	<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: democratic@hillingdon.gov.uk.</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> <p style="text-align: right;">Democratic Services London Borough of Hillingdon Civic Centre High Street Uxbridge UB8 1UW</p>
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