

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY:

Cabinet Member for
Adult Social Care and Public Health

DECISION NO:

21/00050

For publication**Key decision: Yes**

Expenditure in excess of £1m and affects more than two electoral divisions.

Title of Decision: Discharge Services Contract Extensions and Future Commissioning

Decision: As Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health, I agree to:

- a) **EXTEND** the Discharge Services Contracts until 31 March 2022, with a further option to extend until 30 September 2022;
- b) **EXTEND** the east Kent Cottage Hospital discharge service until 31 March 2022; and
- c) **DELEGATE** authority to the Corporate Director of Adult Social Care and Health to take relevant actions, including but not limited to finalising the terms of and entering into required contract or other legal agreements, as necessary to implement the decision.

Reason(s) for decision: This decision to extend contracts is required to allow for the continuation of Discharge Services until recommissioning can be concluded.

The decision to absorb the Home with Support contracts will help to make the discharge pathway more efficient and to create greater consistency for the person, better aligning with addressing their needs, while allowing us to fulfil our role of managing the market.

Financial Implications: The cost to extend the substantive Discharge to Assess and Assisted Discharge contracts for an additional six months is £1,695k; costs for these contracts currently come from the Section 75 pooled budget. The cost to extend the remaining element of these services is £914k.

Legal Implications: The provision of services to support people with health and/or social care needs following admission to hospital is detailed within the Care Act 2014. Paragraph 8.14 of the Statutory Care and Support Guidance states that local authorities may not charge for assessments, community equipment and minor adaptations, intermediate care or reablement for up to six weeks.

Equalities implications: An EQIA has not been completed. The variation agreement was centred on enabling quick and safe discharge and more generally reducing pressure on acute services, and the recommended extensions continue to support that. An assessment will be undertaken for the redesigned discharge provision.

An EQIA was completed for the commissioning of the Care and Support in the Home service

Data Protection implications: There are no anticipated data implications associated with these decisions, as there will be no change to current services, or the data collected or shared, and therefore this will be covered under existing contract clauses.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation: The proposed decision was discussed at the Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee on 22 June 2021 and the recommendations were endorsed.
Any alternatives considered and rejected:
Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer: None

Clair Bell

27 July 2021

signed

date