

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:
Graham Gibbens
Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care

DECISION NO:
 17/00066

For publication

Key decision

Affects more than 2 Electoral Divisions and expenditure of more than £1m

Subject: Approach for Social Care Monies – Progressing High Impact Change 4 – Nurse Led Community Service

Decision: As Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, I propose to:

- a) AGREE** to formalise existing arrangements with Hilton Nurse Partners in the short term, procured through a KCC single sourced contract, and;
- b) AGREE** to enter into an adaptable framework agreement to cover the specification and procurement of a nurse led community service in the medium and longer term, alongside Homecare and Supporting Independence Service, from September 2017.
- c) DELEGATE** authority to the Corporate Director of Adult Social Care and Health, or other nominated officer, to undertake the necessary actions to implement the decision.
- d) AUTHORISE** Officers to commence market engagement in readiness for the full procurement process, where required

Reason(s) for decision: The proposed decision supports Kent County Council's vision to:

- Tackle disadvantage
- Reduce avoidable demand on health and social care services
- Focus on improving lives by ensuring that every penny spent in Kent is delivering better outcomes for Kent's residents, communities and businesses
- Enable adults in Kent to lead independent lives, safely in their own community

And supports the three themes set out in Your life, your well-being a vision and strategy for adult social care 2016-2012 to:

- Promote well-being
- Promote independence
- Support independence

Financial Implications

The financial implications of this decision are still being finalised. Total spend to date from Kent County Council to Hilton Nurse Partners is £950k. It is estimated that the increased activity in a nurse led community service across the whole county will be £3.3m per annum, however to establish contracting arrangements in the interim period, this could be between £825k and £1,650k (3-6 months pending discussions with the agency), which might be below the threshold for an executive decision. However, there may need to be some flexibility to this so as to not destabilise service provision in the short term and preparations are being made for this to be an executive decision.

Equality Implications

An Equalities Impact Assessment will be completed for the new service design as part of the Transformation Programme. For this arrangement, service users would receive continuity in service

provision, pending any planned activity for review.

Legal Implications

There are significant inherent legal implications from this approach. Legal advice has been sought which is legally privileged and therefore attached as an exempt appendix to recommendation report.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The proposed decision will be discussed at the Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee on 20 July 2017 and the outcome included in the paperwork which the Cabinet Member will be asked to sign.

Any alternatives considered:

None

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:

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Signed

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