

**From:** Dan Watkins, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health  
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**To:** Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee – 15 May 2024

**Subject:** **Adult Social Care Contract Pipeline**

**Classification:** Unrestricted

**Electoral Division:** All

**Summary:** This report sets out the lifespan of the current adult social care contracts and the draft timelines for the recommissioning of the main four contracts.

**Recommendation(s):** The Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee is asked to **CONSIDER** and **COMMENT** on the content of the report.

## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The lifespan of the current adult social care contracts is contained in Appendix 1.
- 1.2 The contracts database is maintained by Commercial Services. Plans relating to the contracts are discussed regularly between adult social care and Commercial Services. Commissioning and procurement is overseen by the Commissioning and Transformation Directorate Management Team which meets monthly.

## 2. The big four adult social care contracts

- 2.1 Unusually all of the main four adult social care contracts, which relate to £400m of spend per annum, are up for renewal in a similar timeline, although we will have to stagger them to manage capacity, detail on the indicative timings for re-procurement is set out below.
- 2.2 As more detailed planning work is in progress, these are subject to alteration. Discussions are in progress with the Integrated Care Board (ICB) about joint commissioning of these services.

### Home Care (current value £71m per annum)

- 2.3 This was previously commissioned as Care and Support in the Home (CSiH), and included other elements such as support in Extra Care schemes and the Supporting Independence Service (SIS). This contract has been extended to 31 March 2026.

- 2.4 It is proposed to re-commission SIS services alongside Supported Living Services and to focus more narrowly on Home Care, but to still include the prison service and to potentially add an enablement lot to the tender. The plan is to launch the procurement in September 2024 with award in July 2025.

Older Persons Residential and Nursing Care (£160m per annum)

- 2.5 This contract has been extended to 31 March 2027. The plan is to go out to tender commencing October 2024 with contract award in September 2025.

Under 65s Residential Care and Supported Living (£108m and £68m per annum)

- 2.6 Both of these contracts have been extended to 14 June 2026 and the intention is to procure the new contracts in parallel as there is some degree of overlap in providers. The Under 65s Residential Care Contract was previously labelled Learning Disability, Physical Disability and Mental Health. The Supported Living contract will include lots for Extra Care and SIS.
- 2.7 There is further consideration to be made as to whether to separate out mental health services and to procure these as a separate contract.

**3. Contracts ending in 2024**

- 3.1 The Discharge to Assess contract will end on 30 September 2024. This has been subject to a separate report and relates to the expansion of the Kent Enablement at Home Service.
- 3.2 The Community Micro-Enterprises contract ends on 3 May 2024 and is in the process of being brought in house to sit with our locality commissioners.

**4. Contracts ending in 2025**

- 4.1 The Mental Health Assessment Services Contract provides support to fulfil our Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards duties. The contract is under review and a decision on future commissioning will be made later in the year.
- 4.2 There is a review of carers support offer underway, encompassing our Community Navigation (Carers) and Short Breaks Contracts and the contract listed below is part of the scope of that review. Future commissioning intentions will be made later in the year.
- 4.3 Contracts relating to adult social care contributions to Home Improvement Agencies, Healthwatch, Community Navigation, Community Wellbeing and Live Well Kent are currently under review as part of the 2025/2026 Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) discretionary spend savings.

## 5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 There are savings that relate to some of these contracts in the MTFP. These are £8m Older People Residential and Nursing, £3.4 Home Care, £11m discretionary spend (£3.2m 2024/2025 and £8m 2025/2026), £0.9m community equipment.

## 6. Conclusions

- 6.1 The lifespan of the current adult social care contracts is contained in Appendix 1.
- 6.2 Unusually all of the main four adult social care contracts, which relate to £400m of spend per annum, are up for renewal in a similar timeline, although we will have to stagger them to manage capacity. Discussions are in progress with the Integrated Care Board (ICB) about joint commissioning of these services.

## 7. Recommendations

7.1 Recommendation: The Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee is asked to **CONSIDER** and **COMMENT** on the content of the report.

## 8. Background Documents

None

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## Appendix 1 – Adult Social Care Contract Pipeline

Contracted service	Current approved end date	Contract Value pa
<b>Older Person's Residential and Nursing (OPRN)</b>	31/03/2026	£160m
<b>Care and Support in the Home (CSiH)</b>	31/03/2027	£71m
<b>Learning Disability, Physical Disability and Mental Health Residential (under 65) (LDPDMH)</b>	14/06/2026	£108m
<b>Supported Living (SL)</b>	14/06/2026	£68m
Better Homes Active Lives (BHAL)	04/10/2037	£5.37m
Kent Excellent Homes for All (KEHFA)	03/12/2040	£3.93m
Discharge to Assess (Hilton)	31/09/2024	£2.75m
Community Micro-Enterprises	31/03/2025	£0.35m
Pre-paid cards (Direct Payments)	07/12/2024	£01m
Everyday Life Activities	30/09/2026	£1.9m
Independent Advocacy Services	31/07/2026	£1.6m
Integrated Community Equipment	31/03/2029	£28.5m
Technology Enabled Lives (assistive tech.)	20/09/2028	£3.3m
Mental Health Assessment Services	31/07/2025	£0.42m
Carers Short Breaks	31/03/2025	£3m
Home Improvement Agencies	<i>expired</i>	£0.59m
Peoples Voice (Healthwatch)	30/09/2025	£0.75m
Community Navigation - Part B (Carers)	31/03/2025	£2.49m
Community Navigation - Part A (Universal)	31/03/2025	£0.84m
Community Based Wellbeing Services Phase 1	31/03/2026	£3.29m
Community Based Wellbeing Services Phase 2	31/02/2025	£2.62m
Live Well Kent	31/03/3026	£3m
Interpreting and Communication Services framework	16/06/2027	£0.05m