

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet member health and wellbeing

Title	Community Learning Disability Service
Decision maker	Cabinet member health and wellbeing Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here: http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251
Date of decision	20 December 2017
Report exemption class	Open
Reason for being a key decision	<p>This is a key decision because it is likely to result in the council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the council's budget for the service or function concerned. A threshold of £500,000 is regarded as significant.</p> <p>This is a key decision because it is likely to be significant having regard to: the strategic nature of the decision; and / or whether the outcome will have an impact, for better or worse, on the amenity of the community or quality of service provided by the authority to a significant number of people living or working in the locality (two or more wards) affected.</p>
A notice was served in accordance with Part 3 (Key decisions) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.	
General exception or special urgency (as defined in the constitution)	No
Purpose	<p>To approve the learning disability community health service contract currently commissioned by the council naturally expires on the 31 December and responsibility to commission the service is transferred back to the Clinical commissioning group (CCG) from the 1 January 2018.</p> <p>The council currently commissions the learning disability community health service on behalf of Herefordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). The report proposes that this function, along with the associated budget, be returned to the CCG from 1 January 2018. The service is currently provided by 2gether NHS Foundation Trust. The learning disability community health</p>

	<p>service is a clinical service for which the CCG has statutory responsibility. When the former Primary Care Trust was abolished, responsibility for commissioning the service, along with the associated budget, remained with the council. This arrangement continued for historical reasons rather than from an assessment of where commissioning of the service and its functions would be best positioned. The proposed return of the function and budget to the CCG will simplify governance and facilitate synergies with other clinical services commissioned by the CCG from 2gether.</p>
<p>Decision</p>	<p>That:</p> <p>(a) lead commissioning responsibility for the learning disability community health service is transferred to Herefordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), along with the base budget of £970k, on 31 December 2017;</p> <p>(b) a one off payment of £30k is paid to 2gether NHS Foundation Trust due to additional service cost pressures from 1 April to 31 December 2017.</p>
<p>Reason for the decision</p>	<p>As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at</p> <p>http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50023480</p>
<p>Options considered</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The council could retain commissioning responsibility for the service, and undertake a re-procurement exercise with the intention of having a new contract in place on 31 December 2017. This approach is not recommended as it has become increasingly clear that the services being commissioned are primarily centred on the delivery of healthcare, with significant medical aspects, and the council does not have the necessary clinical expertise to ensure appropriate clinical standards are met. There are also synergies with the mental health services already commissioned by the CCG from 2gether. In addition, continuation of the current arrangement would mean that risks associated with cost pressures in the service remained with the council. 2. The service could be decommissioned, with no further extension or re-procurement of the current contract. This would result in a gap in service during the time from when the council decommissioned it until the point where the CCG was able to recommission it. This is not recommended as this would prevent a smooth handover of responsibility from the council to the CCG, resulting in a significant loss of support for some of our most vulnerable residents. There is an ongoing need for the service to be delivered. 3. The council could decide not pay the additional £30,000 to support the financial pressures identified by 2gether. This is not recommended as 2gether have not received any contract inflationary increase during the time the council has commissioned the service.

Declarations of interest (see ▪ below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	2 January 2018

<p>Councillor:</p> <p>Cabinet member health and wellbeing (Councillor P Rone)</p>	<p>Date 20 December 2017</p>
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- a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;
- and
- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted by the relevant local authority's head of paid service.