

Record of officer decision

Decision title	The provision of Rapid Access to Assessment and Care (RAAC)
Date of decision:	30 November 2017
Decision maker (job title):	Director for Adults and wellbeing
Authority for delegated decision (e.g. cabinet decision or scheme of delegation – provide reference):	http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Ild=50008420
Ward:	Countywide
If relevant, summarise cabinet member and/or ward member consultation:	Cllr Rone, cabinet member, has been briefed on the revised Home First service model.
Decision made:	That the rapid access to assessment and care (RAAC) framework is extended to 31 May 2018.
Reasons for decision (if a report was produced to support the decision, refer to and attach the same):	<p>The adult social care system in Herefordshire has been redesigned in order to manage demand and to deliver a system which is fit for purpose. This service delivery model has been developed in line with the revised pathway and will provide a fundamental function within it.</p> <p>The redesigned adult social care Home First pathway consists of a mixture of both bed-based and home-based provision and focuses upon active therapeutic interventions, which aim to maximise the independence of individuals and provide an alternative to hospital care, when recovery and reablement are required.</p> <p>The home based element of the new model will be delivered through Home First, with the bed based element being provided through a number of arrangements, including the RAAC framework.</p> <p>The service offer will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide therapy led rehabilitation; step down, following a hospital admission; • provide a step up facility for patients that cannot remain at home but do not require acute care, • promote individual independence, self-care and wellbeing. This incorporates health promotion and both physical and psychological care; and • develop and deliver an individual care plan following therapy led multi-disciplinary assessment. <p>In line with the aims and objectives of Herefordshire's Better Care Fund (BCF) plan 2017-19, this pathway will assist partners in working</p>

	<p>together to reduce the number of non-elective admissions to hospital, to reduce delays in transfers of care and to improve patient experience.</p>
<p>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</p>	<p>The RAAC framework is funded via the better care fund and improved better care fund allocation. Organisations have been nationally advised that should delayed transfers of care (DToC) targets not be met, this may potentially result in a reduction of funding allocation for 2018/19. The current DToC performance requirements are challenging and require targets to be achieved in a limited timeframe. To mitigate this risk, partners continue to work together to develop and implement a number of system changes and specific projects to assist in achieving DToC aims.</p> <p>The therapeutic support for the RAAC placements will be delivered by the Home First service. The demand for the service is high and therefore capacity may be limited. In order to mitigate this, the Home First service manager will monitor therapeutic resource and ensure sufficient support is available to RAAC placements.</p> <p>The maximum length of stay for a RAAC placement is 3 weeks. In order to ensure placements do not exceed this time a clear eligibility criteria has been agreed, which specifies that the individual has clear SMART goals set prior to admission to RAAC and that the individual is able to return to their normal place of residence in 21 days or less. RAAC placements are monitored on a daily basis and progress is tracked, in order to ensure length of stays are appropriate.</p>
<p>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected (together with reasons):</p>	<p>Alternative options considered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is possible for the RAAC framework to end on 30 November 2017; however the RAAC framework currently provides a key part to the bed-based service provision within the intermediate care pathway.
<p>Details of any declarations of interest made:</p>	<p>None.</p>

Signed



Date: 05 December 2017