

## Record of Officer Decision

<b>Decision Title:</b>	Discharge to Assess (D2A) - Block Purchase of Home Care (COVID – 19) May 2022
<b>Date of Decision:</b>	25/05/2022
<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Corporate Director for Community Wellbeing
<b>Authority for Delegated Decision:</b>	Chief Executive Scheme of Delegation SA09 - Commissioning, quality assurance and contract management relating to all ages. Updated 29 September 2020
<b>Ward:</b>	All Wards
<b>Consultation:</b>	There has been continual engagement with the Herefordshire Home Care Framework providers in the local market and those previously contracted under the council's Care@home Approved Provider List (legacy) from September 2021 to May 2022 relating to the potential provision of these services.
<b>Decision Made:</b>	To approve the extension and variation of the block purchases of 250 hours per week of Discharge to Assess (D2A) home care, for a further period of up to 19 weeks (week ending 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2022) Block This provision is subject to demand, at the sole discretion of the council and can be bought to an end by either Party by giving the other 28 days' notice in writing.
<b>Reasons for Decision:</b>	<p>The demand for the Discharge to Access (D2A) home care continues and the council will need to extend and vary the two fixed term, existing block contracts for up to 250 hours a week for each contract</p> <p>The block will enable the council to continue to meet its obligations as set out in the national COVID-19 discharge guidance and ensure there is sufficient capacity to meet estimated levels of need.</p> <p>The service will provide up to four weeks of person- centered, home care and support to enable people discharged from hospital to maximise independence in their own home. This will avoid, or reduce, the risk of unnecessary longer - term interventions and inappropriate admissions to residential or nursing care.</p> <p>Approval is sought for the additional capacity and continuity of the current arrangements to support timely hospital discharge, continue to assist in mitigating the impact of COVID-19 and the current pressures on the health and social care system. Thereby, ensuring the availability of care and support to enable timely hospital discharge of people who are medically fit to return home.</p> <p>The decision will cover the following contracts:</p> <p><b>Block 1 contract with Katherine Harriet</b> which allows for a 13 week extension to 19<sup>th</sup> June 22 and a variation is sought to further extend up to 2<sup>nd</sup> October 22. The total overall value of the original contract is £225,675 the extension increases the contract value up to a maximum of £318,600 The value of the extension beyond the original contract amount is £99,562.50 that is below the permitted 50% contract variation.</p>

	<p><b>Block 2 contract with Quality Care at Home</b> which allows for a 9 week extension to 31<sup>st</sup> July 22 and a variation to a further extension up to 2<sup>nd</sup> October 22. The overall value of the original contract is to a maximum cost £204,435. The extension term has been previously included to 31<sup>st</sup> July 22, the variation will cover up to 2nd October 22, and the additional value will be £59,737.50 that is less than the 50% permissible within the contract variation.</p>
<p><b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</b></p>	<p>In collaboration with ASC Operations, commissioners and broker will continue to monitor the usage of the D2A block to ensure that Providers are able to deliver the service in accordance with the stipulated requirements and to ensure that block hours are fully utilised.</p> <p>The agreed maximum budget for this extended provision is £159,300 - funding for the provision has been secured.</p>
<p><b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</b></p>	<p>Could purchase the care and support services in principle, under the Home Care Framework spot purchase arrangements. However, the service providers would be unable to achieve the required timeframe for commencing provision and the envisaged levels of customer throughput, on seven days a week basis.</p>
<p><b>Details of any declarations of interest made:</b></p>	<p>Not Applicable</p>

Signed:

Title: Corporate Director for Community Wellbeing

Date: 26/05/2022