

Record of Officer Decision

Decision Title:	Discharge to Assess (D2A) - Block Purchase of Home Care (COVID – 19) October 2022
Date of Decision:	30/09/2022
Decision Maker:	Corporate Director for Community Wellbeing
Authority for Delegated Decision:	Chief Executive Scheme of Delegation SA09 - Commissioning, quality assurance and contract management relating to all ages. Updated 29 September 2020
Ward:	All Wards
Consultation:	There has been 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 May to September 2022 relating to the potential provision of these services. The demand on the market continues to be high.
Decision Made:	<p>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 12 weeks (finishes on 25th December 2022). Both providers will be given an initial extension for 6 weeks till 13th November 2022 to allow for the mini competition to take place with the Home Care Framework and Secondary Framework.</p> <p>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.</p>
Reasons for Decision:	<p>The demand for the Discharge to Access (D2A) home care provision continues to be high and the council needs to extend the two fixed term, existing block contracts for a further 250 hours per week for each contract (500 hours in total).</p> <p>Due to the late nature of confirmation from the Integrated Care Board (ICB) and lack of commissioning staff has given little time to secure alternative provision.</p> <p>Approval is sought for a 12 week period to ensure 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. This will ensure the capacity and availability of home 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>Block Purchase of 250 weekly hours of home care (Oct 21) with Katherine Harriet Block Purchase of 250 weekly hours of home care (Feb 22) Quality Care at Home</p>
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<p>The risk of challenge from the market is very low, given that we are proceeding to a competition expeditiously and that other providers have not generally been interested in this opportunity over the past year.</p> <p>The agreed maximum budget for this extended provision is £159,300 - funding for the provision has been secured from the Integrated Care Board (ICB) has been extended until March 2023</p>

Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	If a mini competition was run and did not produce bids sufficient to supply 500 hours, consideration would have to be given to further direct award to a provider off-framework, which would be in technical breach of procurement rules.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	Not Applicable

Signed:

Title: Corporate Director for Community Wellbeing

Date: 04/10/2022