

ANGUS COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 14 MARCH 2017

CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF AN INDEPENDENT INTERMEDIATE CARE SERVICE

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ABSTRACT

This report seeks approval to put in place a new contract, until 31 March 2018, for the Independent Intermediate Care service contract designed to facilitate the discharge of older people from hospital through 'step-down' care.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Policy and Resources Committee:

- (i) notes that the review of the Independent Intermediate Care service has been absorbed into a wider review of the care home market in Angus by Angus Health and Social Care Partnership. This review has concluded its work and a report will be taken to the IJB in April to consider the options identified by the review. The IJB's decisions will determine the way forward for IIC services in Angus.
- (ii) approves an exemption from the requirement to seek tenders in terms of Financial Regulations 16.24.10(g) to allow a new contract to be put into place until 31 March 2018. This will allow time for the decisions of the IJB regarding the IIC service to be implemented.

2. ALIGNMENT TO NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING OUTCOMES

This report contributes to the following outcome:-

Resources are used effectively and efficiently in the provision of health and social care services

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Intermediate or step-down care for older people is provided in partnership with the independent sector. Intermediate care is short term rehabilitation for people leaving hospital and is currently based in one locality in Angus .This is provided in a care home for up to 6 weeks .Up to 6 people can be accommodated at any one time. It is recognised however that the current model is limited in its availability within localities and is not integrated across different services in its approach.

The contract for the Independent Intermediate Care service has been in place with HC-One Limited at Cairnie Lodge Arbroath since 1 February 2007.

The Social Work and Health Committee at its meeting of 10 November 2015, passed Report No 439/15 by the Strategic Director – People seeking approval to extend the Independent Intermediate Care service contract to allow further work to be done on delayed discharge and prevention of hospital admission which would determine the future model for the service and for a competitive tender exercise to be undertaken. The contract was subsequently extended until 31 March 2017.

4. CURRENT POSITION

- 4.1 The review of the Independent Intermediate Care service has been absorbed into a wider review of the care home market in Angus by Angus Health and Social Care Partnership. This review has concluded its work and a report will be taken to the IJB in April to consider the options identified by the review. The IJB's decisions will determine the way forward for IIC services in Angus.

5. PROPOSALS

- 5.1 It is proposed that when the current contract with HC-One ends on 31 March 2017 that a new contract be put in place with them for a period of one year. This will allow time for the decisions of the IJB regarding the IIC service to be implemented.
- 5.2 The Council's Exemption Co-ordinator has been consulted and considers that subject to committee approval, this proposal is appropriate in terms of Financial Regulation 16.24.10(g).

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The annual value of the contract is £215,321. This is based on the 2016/17 rate of £690.13 per bed per week (based on the provision of 6 beds at all times).
- 6.2 The cost for this contract will be met from the Third Party Payments budget within the Angus Health and Social Care Partnership's Residential and Nursing budget.
- 6.3 Annual increases to the contract value will be linked to increases in the rates paid under the National Care Home Contract (if any).

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS (IF APPLICABLE)

7.1 Risks

- 7.1.1 If the proposal contained within this report to put in place a new contract until 31 March 2018 is not approved by Committee then the Independent Intermediate Care service will end on 31 March 2017. The impact of this is that there will be no contract for provision of this service leading to delayed discharges which will be detrimental to the health and wellbeing and abilities of the older people affected.

NOTE: The background paper, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) which was relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report is:

Report 439/15 considered by the Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on 10 November 2015.

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