

REPORT OF THE  
Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health  
PART II

**138. TRANSFER OF 0-5 CHILDREN'S PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSIONING TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

1. On the 11 March 2015, the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health approved the novation of contracts from NHS England to Hampshire County Council for the Health Visiting Service and Family Nurse Partnership for Hampshire children aged 0-5 years. This would take effect from 1 October 2015.

2. A reformed public health system was set out in the Government White Paper "Healthy Lives, Healthy People: Our Strategy for Public Health in England", which outlined the Government's vision to achieve the best possible outcomes for children and young people. As part of this, the Government intended to transfer the responsibility for commissioning 0-5 children's public health services from NHS England to Local Government as of October 2015.

3. Local Authorities are already responsible for commissioning public health services for the 5-19 year old population and the transfer of commissioning responsibilities for the 0-5's enables a more joined up approach to the commissioning of public health services across the 0-19 year age range, thus improving continuity for children and their families.

Further details on this item can be found at [www.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings.htm](http://www.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings.htm) by typing in the relevant reference number:

- Transfer of 0-5 children's public health commissioning to Local Authorities (6557)

**139. SINGLE POLICY FOR PAYING FOR CARE, OLDER PERSONS COMMUNITY SUPPORT GRANT, STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP – CARE ASSESSMENT AND BROKERAGE SERVICES**

1. On the 11 March 2015, the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health gave approval for a Single Policy for Paying for Care, and also approved the Older Persons Community Support Grant.

2. On the 24 April 2015, the Executive Member gave approval to tender for a Strategic Partner to carry out assessment of needs and financial assessments, support planning and brokerage services to self funders.

3. These three reports are all linked to Hampshire County Council's programme to implement the Care Act 2014. This Act modernises existing social care law and requires adult social care authorities to comply with a range of statutory duties. The majority of provisions in the Act came into force on 1 April 2015, with the remainder due to begin in April 2016.

#### 4. **Single policy for paying for care**

5. The Care Act 2014 gives councils discretion to charge for both residential and non-residential care. Previously, legislation only gave councils discretion on non-residential charging so the County Council had separate charging arrangements for residential and non-residential care. In order to comply with the Care Act, the County Council's charging framework has been revised to produce a single policy framework for paying for care. This does not represent a significant change for service users, since the County Council will be continuing to financially assess and charge people as it did previously for both residential and non-residential care, with the exception of some new or revised charges which were agreed by the Executive Member on 27 January 2015.

6. This report also recommended that the Executive Member give approval for the backdating of care charges under the Care Act, so that the service user is charged from the point at which their service begins.

7. Finally, the report outlined some principles for deciding who would be eligible for a Deferred Payment under the Care Act.

#### 8. **Older Persons Community Support Grant**

9. The Care Act 2014 places a requirement on local authorities to promote wellbeing when carrying out any care or support functions, and to prevent or delay an individual's deterioration wherever possible.

10. The Older Persons Community Support Grant will support voluntary and community organisations to provide long- or variable-term services or interventions to support the wellbeing of older people in Hampshire. This grant forms part of a wider programme of County Council activity in this sector, such as Village Agents and Older People's Area Link (OPAL), that recognises the needs of Hampshire's older population with a variety of options and offers.

11. The grant programme is for a three-year period to enable the development of a network of support services across the County. The grant available for 2015-16 is £268,000. The Executive Member has approved grants to 16 organisations, allocating funding of £161,219. Another grant round will be advertised later in this financial year to ensure full use of the sum available this year on bids that meet stated outcomes.

#### 12. **Strategic Partnership – Care Assessment and Brokerage Services**

13. The Care Act 2014 places new duties on the County Council to develop information, advice and brokerage services for people who will be funding their own care and support. Because of the unknown level of demand from self funders and the potential for late changes to statutory guidance and requirements, the Executive Member has agreed that a developmental and flexible approach will be taken to service provision. The current transformational workload of the County Council also raised concerns about whether an in-house option could be delivered.

14. The Executive Member has therefore approved the going out to tender for a Strategic Partner who will carry out assessments of needs and financial assessments, support planning and brokerage services for people who fund their own care. The Executive Member also approved the delegation of function in respect to self funders to the organisation awarded the contract as Strategic Partner. The initial contract term will be three years, with the option for two one-year extensions with a maximum contract

15. value of up to £6,145,000 over the five years. The Executive Member will receive a further report in respect of the award of the contract.

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- Single Policy for Paying for Care (6547)
- Older Persons Community Support Grant (6548)
- Strategic Partnership – Care Assessment and Brokerage Services (6606)

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