

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Adult Social Care
<b>Date:</b>	24 June 2015
<b>Title:</b>	Maintaining continuity of service at Jacobs Lodge respite unit
<b>Reference:</b>	6708
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Adult Services

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#### 1. The decision:

- a) That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care gives approval to Hampshire County Council taking on direct provision of respite care at Jacobs Lodge Respite Unit for people with complex needs following the withdrawal of Southern Health Foundation Trust (SHFT) as provider on a date to be set in August 2015.

#### 2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. There are no other local respite services in the New Forest area for people with profound and multiple learning disabilities. Learning Disability In-House respite services are predicted to reach 90% capacity in 2015/16 and there is therefore insufficient capacity within In- House units to re-provide the 1771 bed nights commissioned last year by the Council at Jacobs Lodge.
- 2.2. There is a spread of people from different age groups that use services at Jacobs Lodge. 50% of those using the services are under 50 years old and the group of people under 30 using this service has been increasing steadily.
- 2.3. Without Jacobs lodge it would be hard to provide the levels of respite previously provided to these families and to provide for new young people reaching adulthood with complex needs. This service also supports carers and assists to prevent breakdown of care provided by carers. Retaining services in the same building would also maximise consistency for service users.
- 2.4. Having reviewed respite provision for people with more complex learning disabilities, Adult Services has concluded that there is a need to sustain this resource and that taking direct control of the service by agreement with Southern Health is the best way to achieve that. The Council is the largest user of this service.

**3. Other options considered and rejected:**

3.1 The service is re- tendered to an independent sector through a competitive process. Given the urgency with which SHFT wish to withdraw from the provision of service at Jacobs Lodge timescale is important. The latest that SHFT wish to withdraw is the end of August 2015. Re-tendering would usually require a longer period of preparation than is available in this situation.

**4 Conflicts of interest:**

4.1 Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None

4.2 Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: Not applicable

**5 Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.**

**6 Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.**

**7 Statement from the Decision Maker:**

In reaching this decision, I acknowledge and welcome the endorsement of the recommendations by the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee following the Committee's recent consideration of the report.

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

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**24 June 2015**

**Executive Member for Adult Social Care  
Councillor Liz Fairhurst**