

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Decision Report**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Adult Social Care
Date:	29 July 2015
Title:	Extension to the Preferred Panel of Domiciliary Care Providers
Reference:	6796
Report From:	Director of Adult Services

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. The purpose of this paper is to seek a 6 month extension to the Preferred Panel of Domiciliary Care Providers from the current expiry date of 31 July 2015.
- 1.2 This report outlines the rationale for the request and details the cost for the extension period.

2. Contextual information

- 2.1. Prior to the Care at Home Framework, the Council purchased most of its domiciliary care from the providers on the PPP. Inclusion on the PPP does not guarantee agencies any minimum number of hours, it does however fix hourly rates and provide contractual conditions which ensure continuity of care. The introduction of the Care at Home Framework is resulting in existing packages of care transferring from current providers to the new Care at Home Framework providers.

3. Finance

- 3.1. Prior to the introduction of the Care at Home Framework, the full year value of the PPP was £47.23m. The introduction of the Care at Home Framework has seen a large amount of this spend transfer to it.
- 3.2. An analysis of existing care packages provided outside of the Care at Home Framework, identifies the value of a 6 month extension to the PPP as being up to a maximum contract value of £11m. This is stated as an 'up to a maximum figure' as this value will reduce over the 6 month period from 31 July 2015, as further packages continue to transition to Care at Home Framework providers.

4. Performance

- 4.1 During the period of on-going transition to the Care at Home Framework, continuity of care to individuals is key. An extension to the PPP will form part of a risk management approach, which will ensure continuity of care, as transition to the Care at Home framework continues. It will be used as needed and in negotiation with providers.

5. Consultation and Equalities

- 5.1. During the transition to Care at Home, existing panel providers and the relevant Care at Home Framework Providers have been consulted with to arrange the transfer of care packages. This transition is continuing and as part of a risk management approach to ensure on-going continuity of care, the panel of providers will be contacted to extend their existing arrangement.
- 5.2. This report is seeking approval to an approach which supports continuity of care for individuals and transition to care at home. Integral Appendix B provides details of the Equality Impact Assessment for Care at Home, which the extension of the PPP will support.

6. Recommendations

- 6.1. That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care gives approval for a 6 month extension to the Preferred Panel of Domiciliary Care Providers from the current expiry date of 31 July 2015 until 31 January 2016, with a maximum contract value (for the 6 months extension) of up to £11million.
- 6.2. That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care gives delegated Authority to the Director of Adult Services in consultation with the Executive Member to extend by a further six months if required.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	Yes
Maximising well-being:	Yes
Enhancing our quality of place:	Yes

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
Support to Stay at Home – Category Management Strategy	5468	24 January 2014
Panel of Preferred Providers – Waiving of Contract Standing Orders	2655	16 May 2011
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equality Duty

1.1. The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- a) The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant characteristic connected to that characteristic;
- b) Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- c) Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

1.2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

The Care and Support to Stay at Home Category Management Strategy details how the Adult Services Department will work with provider organisations to deliver more outcomes based, enabling services to meet the agreed needs of individual service users. In doing this we will move from the more restrictive 'time and task' based models of delivery of care and support to people in their own homes to one that is person centred and takes into account the broader protected characteristics that people identify for themselves. Whilst most impact will be on age and disability, as services are to be delivered for these groups, other positive impacts will accrue, for example outcomes may include consideration of sexuality or religion on the delivery of care and support.

In addition to this, the proposed contracting arrangement and following business terms are intended to provide more sustainable opportunities for care and support agencies, including the terms and conditions of care and support staff. It is intended that through more stable business organisation will be able to provide better training, rates of pay, career progression and other benefits to staff as well as providing greater care and support continuity for service users. It is also the case that by zoning delivery and providing viable business opportunities the County Council will be able to address long standing issues around the provision of care and support in rural areas.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

2.1 The County Council has a legal obligation under Section 7 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to consider the impact of all decisions it makes on the prevention of crime. The proposal in this report aims to improve the safety of vulnerable Hampshire residents and reduce the risk of crime occurring.

3. Climate Change:

a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

No impact has been identified

b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

No impact has been identified