

REPORT OF THE  
Executive Member for Adult Social Care  
PART II

**174. ADVOCACY SERVICES**

1. On 17 September 2015, the Executive Member for Adult Social Care gave approval to tender and award a contract for statutory advocacy and non-statutory advocacy, to commence on 1 April 2016 for two years with a total contract value of up to £4,297,344. Approval was also given by the Executive Member for Adult Social Care to enter into a Section 75 agreement with NHS England for Hampshire County Council to act as Lead Commissioner for Independent Mental Health Advocacy (IMHA) in secure hospitals and to vary the Section 256 agreement with the Hampshire five Clinical Commissioning Groups from 2017 to 2018 or 2020, depending on their funding agreement.

2. The advocacy contract will include:

- Independent Mental Health Advocacy (IMHA) as determined by the Mental Health Act 1983 (MHA)
- Independent Mental Capacity Advocacy (IMCA) and Paid Representative as determined by the Mental Capacity Act 2005 (MCA)
- Independent Care Act Advocacy
- Children's Advocacy
- General advocacy for vulnerable people with mental health problems, learning disability, physical disability and older people
- IMHA and general mental health advocacy in secure hospitals and young people's in-patient hospital.

3. Local authorities are statutorily required to provide IMHA, to support or represent people who lack capacity to consent to serious medical treatment or a change of accommodation and who have no appropriate relative or friend who could be consulted and to support or represent people who may be subject to the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards.

4. Hampshire County Council have a legal responsibility to arrange advocacy for eligible people under the MHA, MCA, the Care Act and the Children Act and other children's legislation, and specific qualifications are required of advocates delivering MHA, MCA and Care Act advocacy.

5. Advocacy is mostly issue based and relatively short term in nature, with the exception of some of the learning disability advocacy, which supports people to be involved and represent others in groups and on boards, and the Paid Representative service for people who lack capacity and who have no friends or family. The delivery of this service can be on a 1:1 basis, but also through groups and peers, with the aim of helping people, where they have capacity, to self advocate in future.

## **175. ADULT MENTAL HEALTH HOUSING AND SUPPORT (SUPPORTING PEOPLE) REVIEW**

1. On 17 September 2015, the Executive Member for Adult Social Care gave approval to go out to tender for a new model of Mental Health Housing and Support Services and award up to three contracts for support services to meet the needs of individuals who have mental health problems for a maximum of five years to commence on 1 April 2016, with a maximum spend over five years of £12,529,435.

2. The remodelling of the Supporting People service enables the re-commissioning of Mental Health Housing and Support services within the budget agreed by Council in February 2014, and has been designed to help the department achieve these savings while continuing to meet strategic objectives.

3. The review of Mental Health Housing and Support Services has taken into account extensive engagement with key Council departments, District Councils, wider statutory partners, support providers, service users and landlords. Proposals for the remodelling of services have been developed and discussed with all stakeholders, and the review has determined a positive opportunity to redesign the service model in the interests of targeting need and mitigating negative impacts of spending reductions.

4. The model of support will facilitate:

- Short term support to enable recovery
- Individuals to access services at the level most appropriate to their needs
- Avoiding people having to move to get support
- Minimising the use of residential care
- Early interventions to avoid long term need for care
- Transparent and clear pathway into and through services

5. In keeping with the principles of wellbeing, early intervention and prevention within the Care Act 2014, services will be open to adult Hampshire residents with eligible mental health related social care needs, and to those at risk of deteriorating mental health who do not currently meet eligibility criteria, but would be likely to do so if they do not receive a preventative service.

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

- Advocacy Services (6715)
- Adult Mental Health Housing and Support (Supporting People) Review (6867)

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