

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION RECORD

The following decision was taken on 12 November 2021 by the Leader of the Council.

Date notified to all members:

The end of the call-in period is 4:00 pm on

Unless called-in, the decision can be implemented from

1. **TITLE**

Procurement of community (care home) beds to support hospital discharge

2. **DECISION TAKEN**

That the Leader of the Council:

1. approves the procurement of contracts to a number of care home providers to provide up to 100 beds to support hospital discharge, as set out in this report; and
2. delegates to the Director of People Services (insofar as not already delegated), in consultation with the Director of Legal and Governance and the Director of Finance and Commercial Services, the award of the contracts and any other steps needed in order to undertake and implement this procurement.

Note: As the need for these beds is immediate the report is submitted under the Special Urgency Procedure and is removed from the Call-in Process.

3. **Reasons For Decision**

This is a short-term arrangement to support the current system blockages relating to hospital bed availability. Therefore it will ensure:

- People do not have to wait in a hospital setting where their risk of decompensation and infection is heightened;
- There will be an improved flow in and out of hospital for people who have an identified acute clinical need;
- There will be sufficient capacity in the city's hospitals for people who need hospital care;
- Individuals who are ready for discharge will be supported in a safe and supported environment until their care package at home is available.

4. **Alternatives Considered And Rejected**

All alternative options for managing this situation have been exhausted, including increasing the capacity in both the independent and in-house services. Whilst this has helped and made some improvements it has not impacted significantly enough on the high numbers of people awaiting discharge.

5. **Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted**

None

6. **Respective Director Responsible for Implementation**

Executive Director, People Services

7. **Relevant Scrutiny Committee If Decision Called In**

Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee