

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Removal from Call-in Process ("fast track") Scrutiny Procedure Rule 17

Subject: Procurement of Community beds to support hospital discharge

Decision Maker: Leader of the Council

Date of Decision: 11th November 2021

Decision to be removed from Call-in process:-

- (a) 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.
- (b) 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.

Reasons for Urgency

This decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred. Consequently it has not been possible to give 5 clear days' notice of the intention to make the Key Decision, as required by Regulation 10 of the Regulations

The health and social care system in Sheffield is facing urgent challenges, rising admissions to hospital are causing a deteriorating and serious situation with a lack of bed capacity and as a result severe delayed discharges. The prediction is that this will only deteriorate over the winter months.

Whilst many of the beds are occupied by those with a clinical need, many of the capacity shortages can be attributed to the increasing numbers of people waiting in hospital for discharge home with reablement or a care package with an independent home care provider. These people will be deemed medically fit for discharge home providing they can access care and support on discharge

The situation with availability of home support in the independent sector is also one which is significant. The increase in demand over the last 2/3 years coupled with full implementation of homefirst during the pandemic, increase acuity of individuals need leading to more care workers needed to support individuals alongside, a continuing shortage of care workers in the sector and lack of investment into social care is now starting to cause increased pressure on the system as a whole. This is a local and national concern. There is a serious lack of homecare available and limited access to this from hospital. Whilst action is being taken to try and increase the capacity and support the workforce, this is unlikely to have a major impact on the delays in the short term or over the winter period.

The lack of available acute beds is such that people have been treated outside of hospital in waiting ambulances. We also know that people waiting in hospital to go home are more likely to deteriorate and decompensate, with the risk of infection increasing.

Although home first remains the overriding principle, the situation is such that other urgent options are needed to relieve the pressure both in the short term and for any surge in demand for acute care that is likely to happen over the winter months. The only viable option left is to consider alternative accommodation with care where people can stay for a short period of time pending availability of care at home. This is thought to be the "least – worst " (better than any alternative) option

We certify that the above item of business is urgent and that its delay for scrutiny would consequently significantly prejudice the interests of the Council or a third party. (To be signed by an Executive Director and 2 Statutory Officers)



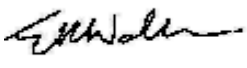
Signed Date ...10.11.21.....

Executive Director of ...People Services Portfolio
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Plus any two of the following Statutory Officers:-



Signed Date11.11.21.....
Head of Paid Service (Chief Executive)



Signed ... Date10.11.21.....
Chief Finance Officer (Executive Director, Resources)

Signed Date
Monitoring Officer (Director of Legal & Governance)

Consultation with the appropriate Executive Member / Chair of the Co-operative Executive

I confirm that I have been consulted about and support the removal of this item of business from the call-in process.

Signed Cllr George Lindars-Hammond.....Date ...12.11.21.....

Executive Member for ...Health and Social care.....

Lead Officer to Complete

As Lead Officer (LO), I confirm that I have notified the Chair of the Scrutiny Committee* detailed below, that the decision is urgent and they are aware that the decision is being removed from the call-in process.

Scrutiny Chair: Cllr Steve Ayriss

Scrutiny Committee: Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee

LO Signature

Date 10.11.21

Print Name: Joanne Knight

Position: Strategic Commissioning Manager

*In the absence of the Scrutiny Chair, the Lord Mayor / or Deputy Lord Mayor should be notified and recorded above.