

REPORT TO: Executive Board

DATE: 15 March 2018

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, People

PORTFOLIO: Health & Wellbeing

SUBJECT: Day, Residential & Nursing Homecare and Residential Nursing Homes

WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To seek approval from Executive Board to extend the two current services provided by Day, Residential and Nursing Home Care Providers, in conjunction with the portfolio holder for Health and Wellbeing, for a period of up to two years until the 31st March 2020, in line with the option in the original contracts to extend the contracts by a period of up to two years.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That Executive Board agree to extending the two current contracts described above for an additional two years, as per the option within the current contract, until 31st March 2020. This is in compliance with Procurement Standing Order 1.15.1 Pre-Determined Contract Extension Procedures exceeding a value threshold of £1,000,000.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 There are two contracts within this report that require a two-year extension:

- 1) Residential, Nursing Homes – Out-of-Borough; and
- 2) Day, Residential and Nursing Home Care.

Both contracts were originally for three years from 1st April 2015 until 31st March 2018 with an option of up to two years extension available. The extensions would take the current arrangements up to 31st March 2020.

3.2 Providers of these services that are included within the two contracts are detailed at Appendix 1.

4.0 Business Case for the Contract extensions

4.1 Transparency

The contract and award process are subject to Freedom of

Information requests and annual external and internal auditing processes. They are also recorded in the Council's contract register accessible via the internet. This ensures that external agencies do have some opportunity to examine contractual processes and outcomes.

4.2 Propriety and Security

The extension of contracts referred to in this report will be compliant with Halton Borough Council's procurement standing orders. Compliance with anti-corruption practices will be adhered to and any of the contracts within the subject of this report will be terminated if there is any occurrence of corruption by any of the organisations or their staff.

4.3 Accountability

The contracts will be performance managed and quality assured by the Adult Social Care Quality Assurance Team. Residential and Care providers are also subject to inspection by the Care Quality Commission.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Sustainability and Quality of the Care Home Sector

Work is ongoing with NHS Halton Clinical Commissioning Group and care home providers to ensure we continue to improve the health and wellbeing of people who live in care homes. A Care Home Development Project Group has been formed to enable stakeholders representing key sectors to work collaboratively in exploring and implementing identified work streams. The work streams aim to:

- Share best practice and resources via sector-led improvements;
- Deliver dignified, quality, outstanding care within residential and community settings;
- Be proactive and identify early warnings of potential reductions in quality;
- Provide value for money and sustainability; and
- Provide seamless transfers of care to and from hospital.

Extending the current providers' contracts for a further two-year period will enable the Care Home Development Project to complete its' work in designing a new model of working to achieve stronger sustainability and improved quality in the sector.

6.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

6.1 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1.1 Details of the current contract values and estimated costs for the two-year contract extension are:

Contract	3-year initial contract value	Estimated value for two-year extension
Residential, Nursing Homes – Out-of-Borough	£6,600,000	£4,400,000
Day, Residential and Nursing Home Care	£31,428,000	£20,952,000

7.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

7.1 Children & Young People in Halton

None identified

7.2 Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton

None identified

7.3 A Healthy Halton

These services offer a range of care and support to vulnerable people in and out of the Borough and by promoting social inclusion have a positive impact on a person's self-worth and mental health.

7.4 A Safer Halton

None identified

7.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None identified

8.0 RISK ANALYSIS

All contracts are monitored in accordance with the level of risk identified and in the event of non-compliance the contract will be reviewed immediately and necessary remedial action instigated.

9.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

9.1 Agencies working under contract to the Council are expected to comply with the Council's policies relating to Ethnicity and Cultural

Diversity as well as promoting social inclusion of some of the most disadvantaged people in the Borough.

10.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

None under the meaning of the Act.