

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Younger Adults and Health and Wellbeing
Date:	19 September 2023
Title:	Re-procurement of Hampshire Advocacy Services
Report From:	Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Adults' Health and Care

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1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the Executive Member for Younger Adults and Health and Wellbeing give approval to spend up to £5,867,250 over 5 (3-year initial term with up to two-year extension) years for Advocacy services across Hampshire.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 Advocacy services support someone or act on behalf of an individual to represent their views, interests and wishes within formal processes, assessments, hearings and interactions with other groups and organisations on a range of subjects that affect them and their lives.
- 2.2 The requirement for Advocacy services is set out in several key pieces of legislation and statutory guidance.
- 2.3 The current contract ends on 31 March 2024, and a new advocacy service is therefore required to ensure continuity of statutory service provision. The current contract provides both statutory and non-statutory advocacy services, with Hampshire and IOW Integrated Care Board, Frimley Integrated Care Board and Children's Services providing financial contributions.
- 2.4 For individuals eligible for a Relevant Persons Representative (RPR) under DoLS the current contract covers those who are within the border of Hampshire County Council and who are ordinarily resident in Hampshire. However, those who are placed out of county are not covered by the contract and we purchase these services on a spot purchase basis. The proposal for the new service is for the budget currently utilised for spot

purchase arrangements to be incorporated into the overall contract for the service.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. No other options were considered due to the statutory obligation requirements on the local authority to provide a statutory advocacy service.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflict of interest declared by the decision maker: None
4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: Not applicable

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: None

6. Reasons for the matter being dealt with if urgent: Not applicable

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

19 September 2023

**Executive Member for Younger Adults and Health
and Wellbeing**