

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health
Date:	24 October 2019
Title:	Re-procurement of Hampshire Advocacy Service
Report From:	Director of Adults' Health and Care

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1. The decision:

- a) That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health give approval to spend up to £4,346,576 over 4 (2+1+1) years for Advocacy services across Hampshire. This sum does not include the contributions made by Children's Services or Corporate Services.
- b) That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health notes the clarification in respect of paragraph 7 that the Section 256 Agreements are due to commence 1 April 2020, rather than 1 April 2021.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1 The current contract will terminate on 31 March 2020. 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 several partners providing financial contributions. The County Council is statutorily obliged to provide some advocacy services which are described as "statutory advocacy" and non-statutory advocacy may be provided at the discretion of the County Council.
- 2.2 The County Council also has a statutory duty to commission an Independent Health Complaints Advocacy Service (IHCAS) under the Health and Social Care Act 2012. This service has not been a part of the wider advocacy contract and has been previously commissioned by the Transformation and Governance department within Corporate Services. The intention is for the Independent Health Complaints Advocacy Service to be part of the new Hampshire advocacy contract from 1 April 2020, with the relevant funding provided by Corporate Services.

3 Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 To only commission statutory advocacy services in the new contract. This was rejected as non-statutory advocacy provides benefit to the County Council by

signposting people to community-based provision and peer support and preventing escalating need.

3.2 To commission the statutory and non-statutory advocacy services as separate contracts. This was rejected as this would not be an effective model of service or provide value for money.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1 Conflicts 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 Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7 Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by: ----- Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health Councillor Liz Fairhurst	Date: 24 October 2019
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