

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health
Date:	21 September 2021
Title:	Rapid Discharge Service and Discharge to Assess Live-in Care
Report From:	Director of Adults' Health and Care

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1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health gives approval to modify 6 contracts for the RDS Services to extend from 1 October 2021 – 31 March 2022 and to approve the associated spend of up to £1.6 million as set out in the report.
- 1.2 That the Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health gives approval to modify 4 contracts for the LIC services to extend from 1 October 2021 – 31 March 2022 and to approve associated spend of up to £1.5 million as set out in the report.

2. Reasons for the Decision.

- 2.1 These services are a significant contributor to timely hospital discharge performance, improving flow across the Hampshire systems and have been a significant contributor to maintaining all Hampshire systems through the pandemic. The value of these two extensions totals £2.3M and will be funded in their entirety through an equivalent combined contribution from the Hampshire and Isle of Wight and North East Hampshire Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), via the NHS Discharge Fund.
- 2.2 System forecasts suggest that service demand will remain high over the next 6 months. These extensions will also allow time and give the ability for the Hampshire County Council Older Adults Commissioning team to be able to carry out a new full and compliant tender exercise for an ongoing, longer term 'home first' service to begin in the next financial year (subject to NHS discharge funding being confirmed for services beyond March 2022).
- 2.3 Hampshire residents have benefited hugely from these home-first services. These services have supported over 250 individuals a month to return home safely following a hospital stay or to remain in their own home and not have to be admitted to hospital. The average length of stay with Rapid Discharge

Service is 10 days, after which over 32% of clients have been able to remain at home with no care or with family support. Following a stay with Live In Care, over 6% of clients were able to remain at home with no care or family support required, and 64% of clients had an onward package of care in their own home and only 12% went onto a permanent long-term placement (residential or nursing care). Therefore, we are fully supporting and enabling residents of Hampshire to live well in their own homes and supporting the NHS mantra of Home First in action.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1 Cessation of services. This option was rejected because of the critical role these services are performing in supporting hospital flow, to meet the Government guidelines for rapid discharge. As we enter the winter period, we are already seeing an increase in demand and waiting lists across all Hampshire hospitals. Without the continuation of these discharge services these waiting lists in hospital would increase and add to the pressures on the system.

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:

Date:

21 September 2021

**Executive Member for Adult Services and Public
Health
Councillor Liz Fairhurst**