

DECISION RECORD ¹

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Subject:

Allocation of Social Care monies 2017/18 - Integrated Hospital Discharge and Community Navigator Service

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Portfolio: Health & Social Care

1. Decision

ACSMB have agreed to expand existing Hospital Discharge and Community Navigator schemes using £850,000 of the Social Care monies announced in the Chancellors statement earlier this year.

The project, which will involve lead providers from the voluntary sector; AgeUK Hertfordshire, Red Cross and Watford and Three Rivers Trust, will be operational from October 2017 and provide staff county wide but with a Locality focus.

The outcomes the project will aim to achieve are the following:

- Reduced social isolation – using the 'Campaign to end loneliness' evaluation tool
- Improved personal wellbeing – using the Warwick/Edinburgh Wellbeing tool
- Reduced and appropriate use of primary care
- Reduced use of homecare
- Reduction in hospital admission/ readmission

This project is also a part of the Hertfordshire's response to the Social Prescribing agenda that has been highlighted as a key workstream under Hertfordshire's Sustainability and Transformation plan and the Community Wellbeing team is working closely with Public Health to evaluate the project.

2. Reasons for the decision

The Chancellors announcement of social care monies specifically required a focus on supporting hospital discharge and keeping people out of health services in an innovative manner.

Existing Community Navigator and Hospital Discharge schemes in Hertfordshire were delivering to some extent but this new money will allow the development of a consistent County wide service and for proper evaluation of the impact the service is having.

3. Alternative options considered and rejected ²

Not applicable.

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4. Consultation

- (a) Comments of Executive Member ^{3 4}
Colette Wyatt-Lowe has been informed about the expansion of the scheme.
- (b) Comments of other consultees ⁵

5. Following consultation with, and the concurrence of the Executive Member, I am proceeding with the proposed decision.

Signed: _____

Title: ...Director, Adult Care Services..... Date: 17th August 2017

6. Copies of agreed document to:

- All consultees
- Chairman, and Vice-Chairmen of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- hard & electronic copy (for public inspection both at County Hall and on Hertsdirect) Democratic Services Manager - Room 213 County Hall.

¹ for guidance see Chief Legal Officer's note "Taking Decisions"

² details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer at the time the decision was made

³ record any conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member consulted. If an Executive Member declares a conflict of interest DO NOT PROCEED without seeking advice from the Chief Legal Officer

⁴ If the matter has general significance for the Council and/or is, or is likely to be, controversial, then the officer shall consult the appropriate Executive Member before proceeding. In some cases it will be necessary to consult more than one Executive Member, and in some cases the Leader of the Council will need to be consulted

⁵ If the matter has local significance, but no general significance for the Council and no controversial aspects, the officer shall consult or inform the local member in writing (or by e mail) and proceed. It is essential that all officers responsible for delivering services ensure that local members are kept well briefed on issues affecting their areas.