

Wiltshire Council

Health Select Committee

6 March 2018

Age UK Contracts - 2016 and Beyond– Briefing Note

Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this briefing note is to update the Committee on the current Age UK contracts

Background

Long Term Investment Grant (DCS0789)

2. Wiltshire Council and Wiltshire CCG established the Long-Term Investment Grant with Age UK in April 2015. The grant reflected a shift from commissioning a suite of services to an approach based on system wide outcomes and strategic collaboration. The LTIG was established for a term of two years with the inclusion of an optional extension clause.
3. Commissioners have worked with Age UK to reduce reliance on statutory funding and encouraged a more commercial approach which will mean Age UK can operate as a viable strategic organisation. During the term of this agreement commissioned community services previously provided by Age UK have been de commissioned delivering an efficiency to the Council of £126,000 in 2017-18.
4. The LTIG Contract has been extended for one year, based on the following approach:
 - **Year 1 2018-19** The LTIG is extended at a reduced value of £172,000 (15% saving). It is anticipated that Age UK Wiltshire will work with strategic providers commissioned across health and care to deliver community based roles. This will ensure the reduction will have minimal impact in terms of provision.
5. There is the option to extend the Contract by a further year and were it to be extended it is anticipated that further savings would be achievable.
6. This extension is offered on the basis that after 2020 Age UK Wiltshire will receive no grant funding from Wiltshire Council or the CCG, they may be commissioned to deliver services or programs of work but will not receive a core grant

Home From Hospital

7. The Council and CCG previously invested £84,000 per annum in Age UK Wiltshire as a contribution to their objective of providing information and advice services. Commissioners were keen to maintain a relationship with Age UK and proposed to utilise the available budget and develop a new service.
8. As of March 2018 Age UK Wiltshire will deliver a Home from Hospital (HfH) service on behalf of Wiltshire Council and Wiltshire CCG.
9. The service will form part of the Council's prevention agenda. The HfH service;
 - Is a short-term service for people aged 65 and above being discharged from hospital.
 - Provides short term home based support to patients being discharged home following a stay in hospital
 - Helps Service Users to regain their confidence and independence whilst providing a short-term service, within specified parameters, and following the principle of a planned and phased reduction of support in line with re-gaining confidence and ability.
 - Primarily supports and encourages Service Users with a combination of both practical (hands on) and emotional support to regain their confidence and independent living skills following a stay in hospital
10. The HfH service will initially focus on Salisbury District Hospital with the potential for expansion to RUH and GWH as early as possible after an evaluation of the service has taken place.
11. The specification and performance outcomes are currently being finalised by commissioners and Age UK and the service will begin to be delivered from March 2018

Funding -

- Wiltshire Council contract spend is £42,000 per annum
- Wiltshire CCG contract spend is £42,000 per annum

Safeguarding Considerations

12. There are no specific safeguarding implications relating to this report.

Public Health Implications

13. There are no specific Public Health implications relating to this report.

Environmental and Climate Change Considerations

14. There are no specific environmental or climate change implications relating to this report

Equalities Impact of the Proposal

15. This report provides an update on Age UK Contracts – 2016 and beyond, and does not contain any proposals, therefore there are no equalities impact of proposals

Risk Assessment

16. This report provides an update on Age UK Contracts – 2016 and beyond. There are no specific risks associated with this update.

Financial Implications

17. This report provides an update on Age UK Contracts – 2016 and beyond. There are no specific financial implications associated with this update.

Legal Implications

18. This report provides an update on Age UK Contracts – 2016 and beyond, therefore there are no legal implications relating to this report.

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