

Wiltshire Council

Cabinet

17 September 2024

Subject: ICB Community Health Service Procurement

Cabinet Member: Cllr Jane Davies – Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, END and Inclusion

Key Decision: Key

Executive Summary

1. Community Health services in Wiltshire are currently provided by Wiltshire Health and Care and Medvivo (Access to Care). The contracts are funded by the ICB and the Better Care Fund (BCF). BCF funding is managed as a pooled budget, with spending agreed between the ICB and Wiltshire Council, the governance of which is defined by national guidelines and supported by a S.75 agreement.
2. The ICB will be tendering a BSW-Wide Community Services Health contract, to start from 1 April 2025 with a proposed length of 7 plus 2 years. The Integrated Care Board's (ICB) community health contract re-tender will have cost and service implications for Wiltshire Council Social Care and management of the BCF.
3. This report seeks approval to commit £9,668,776 of the BCF in 2024/25 to the ICB Community Healthcare Services Contract (ICB contract). This was previously agreed in principle at the July Cabinet based on provisional figures.
4. As agreed in the July Cabinet the HomeFirst service currently operated by Wiltshire Health & Care will be removed from ICB Community Health Care contract as per the table below. This reduces the BCF contribution to the ICB Community Health Care contract by £2,322,017 (incl. 2024/25 Uplift).
5. Cabinet is asked to approve the amended financial contribution to be committed from the BCF for the new Community Health Services contract from 1 April 2025, until 31 March 2032, with a possible further 2-year extension. The contribution of £9,668,776 includes the removal of the HomeFirst service as per above and the addition of £0.310m for the new Wiltshire Health & Care In Reach service.

Proposals

That Cabinet approve:

1. To commit Better Care Funding of £9,668,777 to the ICB Community Health Contract from 2025-2032 (with a potential for a further 2 years to 2034). See Table 1 Below.

2. To delegate authority to Director of Commissioning in consultation with the Director of Finance and Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, SEND and Inclusion to approve the revised S.75 agreement and the Collaborative Commissioning agreement that will cover the period of the Community Health Services contract.

3. To delegate authority to the Director of Commissioning in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, SEND and Inclusion to authorise all activities related to the procurement and to sign the contract for the ICB BSW Community Health Services on behalf of Wiltshire Council.

Table 1

	Base Budget £	2024/25 Budget (Incl. Annual uplift) £
WH&C	10,453,157	10,594,274
Access to Care (Medvivo)	1,073,054	1,086,519
Total previously agreed to transfer to ICB Contract	11,526,211	11,680,793
Removal of HomeFirst	-2,291,088	-2,322,017
WH&C In Reach (new service)	310,000	310,000
Revised Total to ICB Contract	9,545,123	9,668,776

Reasons for the Proposal

To ensure that Community Health Services are provided across BSW, Cabinet is asked to approve the amended financial contribution to be committed from the BCF for the new Community Health Services contract from 1 April 2025, until 31 March 2032, with a possible further 2-year extension. The contribution of £9,668,776 includes the removal of the HomeFirst service as per above and the addition of £0.310m for the new Wiltshire Health & Care In Reach service.

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