

Cabinet Meeting on Wednesday 15 January 2020

Dynamic Purchasing System Contract Award for the Provision of Supported Living and Community Based Day Services



Cllr Alan White, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Health, Care and Wellbeing said:

“Last year we undertook a lot of engagement with adults with learning disabilities, with a view to redesigning our services so they can continue to meet the needs of local people.

This latest decision affects how we advertise the supported living and Community Based Day Opportunities we need to potential providers. By opening up our purchasing and allowing new providers to join the dynamic purchasing system, we can evaluate their responses based on quality and cost, and award contracts accordingly. This ultimately means more choice for those residents with assessed eligible care and support needs.”

Report Summary:

The Council has introduced two Light Touch Regime Dynamic Purchasing Systems (DPS) for the purchase of Supported Living and Community Based Day Opportunities for adults with assessed eligible care and support needs, in accordance with previous Cabinet decisions.

In May 2019, Cabinet approved the implementation of a DPS for the purchase of Supported Living Placements. The process for providers to join the DPS commenced in July 2019, and individual contracts can now be awarded.

In June 2019, Cabinet approved the development of a contracting arrangement for the purchase of Community Based Day Opportunities and delegated the decision to proceed with these contracting mechanisms to the Cabinet Member for Health, Care and Wellbeing. Subsequently, the delegated decision was to proceed with implementation of a DPS. The process for providers to join the DPS commences in January 2020 and award of individual contracts can commence in March 2020.

Cabinet are asked to approve delegation of the award (including entering into) of individual contracts under the DPS for Community Based Day Opportunities to ensure that these can be completed by relevant officers in a timely way and in accordance with Public Contract Regulations 2015 and the Council’s internal procurement regulations.

Recommendations

I recommend that Cabinet:

- a. Delegates the award (including entering into) of individual contracts for the provision of Community Based Day Opportunities, via the Light Touch Regime Dynamic Purchasing System, to the Director for Health and Care.
- b. Notes that the Director for Health and Care will delegate the award of individual contracts for the provision of Supported Living and Community Based Day Opportunities services, via the respective Light Touch Regime Dynamic Purchasing Systems, to the Assistant Director for Care Commissioning or Lead Commissioner(s), in line with the Council's scheme of delegation.

Local Members Interest
N/A

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Recommendations of the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Health, Care and Wellbeing

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Report of the Director of Health and Care

Reasons for Recommendations:

1. A Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) is a way of advertising public services to the market. New providers can join the DPS at any time, allowing the number of providers available to public bodies to grow. In adult social care, services for specific individuals are advertised to providers on the DPS and responses evaluated on the basis of quality and cost. Individual contracts can then be awarded to the preferred provider.

Supported Living

2. Supported Living is an alternative to residential care or living with family, enabling individuals with assessed eligible care and support needs to live in their own home with appropriate support to enable them to maintain both their health and wellbeing and their home. There are around 430 people in Supported Living placements funded by the Council, at a cost of £22m annually.
3. On 15th May 2019 Cabinet approved:
 - a. The use of a Dynamic Purchasing System to procure and contract for Supported Living placements for adults;
 - b. The delegation for the award of on-going individual contracts, via the Dynamic Purchasing System, to the Director for Health and Care.

4. The process for providers to join the Supported Living DPS commenced in July 2019, and individual contracts can now be awarded. The DPS will be live for an initial term of two years, with an option to extend the arrangements for two twelve month periods; four years in total. Individual contracts may exceed the lifespan of the DPS, as they will remain in situ as long as they meet the assessed eligible care and support needs of the individual.
5. The Council typically makes 30 new Supported Living placements annually; an anticipated 120 over the maximum term of the DPS.
6. The DPS includes reference rates for Supported Living:
 - a. £13.60 to £14.75 per hour;
 - b. £78 to £87 per night for sleep-in support.
7. In addition to new placements, the Council is undertaking the of transition 50 non contracted Supported Living placements on to contractual arrangements using the DPS. If an individual wishes to use a provider who is not on the DPS, they may choose to take a Direct Payment and purchase their own care.
8. In order that individual contracts can be awarded in a timely way and in accordance with and the Council's internal procurement regulations, their award will be delegated to the Assistant Director for Care Commissioning or Lead Commissioner(s), in line with the Council's scheme of delegation. Individual contracts would typically have a value of approximately £62,000 annually.

Community Based Day Opportunities

9. Community Based Day Opportunities (commonly referred to as Day Services) offer meaningful activities to people with assessed eligible care and support needs, typically on a group basis. This enables them to remain living with their carers, in their local community. There are approx. 450 people accessing building-based day services funded by the Council, at a cost of £5.8m annually. 75 have their services arranged by the Council, with non-contracted providers; approx. 375 purchase their own services using a Direct Payment.
10. On 19th June 2019, Cabinet approved:
 - a. The development of a contracting arrangement under the Light Touch Regime (in accordance with the Public Contract Regulations 2015) for community based day services commissioned from the independent market, and delegate the decision to proceed with these contracting mechanisms to the Cabinet Member for Health, Care and Wellbeing in conjunction with the Director of Health and Care and the Director of Corporate Services.
11. Subsequently, the delegated decision (December 2019), was to proceed with the launch of a Pricing Strategy and Light Touch Regime Dynamic Purchasing System for Community Based Day opportunities (commissioned via the Independent Market).

12. The process for providers to join the Community Based Day Opportunities DPS commences in January 2020 and award of individual contracts can commence in March 2020. The DPS will be live for an initial term of three years, with an option to extend the arrangements for two twelve-month periods; five years in total. Individual contracts may exceed the lifespan of the DPS, as they will remain in situ as long as they meet the assessed eligible care and support needs of the individual.
13. The Council typically arranges 40 new support packages of this nature annually; an anticipated 200 over the maximum term of the DPS.
14. The DPS includes rates for Community Based Day Opportunities:
 - a. £95 per day for high / complex needs;
 - b. £60 per day for medium needs;
 - c. £45 per day for low / enablement needs.
15. The DPS also includes rates to meet assessed eligible transport needs:
 - a. £6 per day for people with standard transport needs (i.e. no need for an adapted vehicle);
 - b. £10 per day for people with additional transport requirements (i.e. adapted vehicle required).
16. In addition to new placements, the Council will transition 75 non contracted arrangements on to contractual arrangements using the DPS. If an individual wishes to use a provider who is not on the DPS, they may choose to take a Direct Payment and purchase their own care. There are some people who currently use Direct Payments to purchase their own services who have expressed an interest in having their services arranged by the Council.
17. In order that individual contracts can be awarded and entered into in a timely way and in accordance with the Council's internal procurement regulations, Cabinet is recommended to delegate their award (including entering into the contracts) to the Director of Health and Care. They will then be delegated to the Assistant Director for Care Commissioning, Lead Commissioner(s), and other equivalent Banded Officer(s), in line with the Council's scheme of delegation. Individual contracts would typically have a value of approximately £27,000 annually.

List of Background Documents/Appendices:

Day Services DPS Community Impact Assessment – Summary Document
Supported Living DPS Community Impact Assessment – Summary Document

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