

EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS DECISION RECORD

The following decision was taken on Tuesday, 10 October 2017 by: -

Councillor Rachael Blake, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care

Date notified to all Members Tuesday, 10th October 2017

End of the call-in period is 5.00 p.m. on Thursday, 19th October 2017

This decision can be implemented from Friday, 20th October 2017

Present : Councillor Blake, Damian Allen; Patrick Birch; Debbie John-Lewis, Griff Jones

Apologies : Karen Johnson

1. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER AND TITLE

Agreement to the signing of the Collaborative Commissioning Agreement with NHS England for the Commissioning and Contract Management of the Health and Social Care provision in Doncaster's Prison establishments and the signing of the Contractual agreement

2. DECISION TAKEN

The decision taken is to:

- Agree to the signing of the Collaborative Commissioning Agreement with NHS England for the Commissioning and Contract Management of the Health and Social Care provision in Doncaster's Prison establishments.
- Approve the entering into and signing of the care contract with Care UK for the period of 6 years main term plus 3 x 12 month optional extension periods.
- Approve the spending of £96k to deliver 111 hours of social care per week and the ability for Adults to fund additional hours for the delivery of personal care to prisons in line with the council's statutory responsibility

3. REASONS FOR DECISION

When considering the delivery of social care in Doncaster Prison's, all stakeholders identified significant benefits in entering into the Collaborate Commissioning Agreement with NHS England to deliver the statutory responsibility, reasons behind the decision included; consistency in support delivered, continuity of care (from social care to health), reduced numbers of people/ organisations seeking access to prisons and improved conditions for staff operating in social care (through being part of the larger offer). In addition whilst there is the Commissioned Care and Support at Home contract operating in the areas of the prisons, there are

a number of difficulties associated with the delivery of care in prison for home support agencies. This includes entry to the prison, sufficient clearances, the unique nature of the setting, the prison regime and the restrictions in technology all of which impact on the time and way in which care is delivered; Governors have previously expressed a desire for one approved provider across health and social care.

The funding for a minimum of three social care worker posts within the new model for prisoners social care delivery will ensure there is sufficient provision for the delivery of care across all five prison sites. The model also ensures that if there is an increase with demand (which can happen given prison population changes etc.) the model enables the ability for the provider to deliver additional hours to fulfil need.

4. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Alternate options considered included:

Option 2 - Do not sign the Commissioning agreement or the Contract for Social Care Delivery and rely on the Commissioned Care and Support at Home Service to deliver social care to prisoners – This option would be challenged by Governors who are keen to maintain a streamlined service. There may be additional issues with clearances and access to the prisons too. Appropriate skills and experience may be difficult to obtain as the prison setting is a very different environment from working in the community.

Option 3 – Commission a standalone Prison Social Care Service – this is not the preferred option as it would take a lot of time for tender process and integration into the setting, this option would be challenged by Governors in the prisons.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations.

6. IF EXEMPT, REASON FOR EXEMPTION

Not Exempt

7. RESPECTIVE DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Damian Allen, Director for People

Signed 

Chair/Decision Maker