

OFFICER DECISION RECORD 2 FORM

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**Decision Reference No: AHWB.081.2018 Advocacy Services Contract
Community DOLS representation**

BOX 1.

DIRECTORATE: Adults, Health and Wellbeing DATE:.....11/12/18

Contact Name: Andrew Sykes Tel. No.(01302) 737068

**Subject Matter: Advocacy Services Contract (Reference DN261411) –
Community DOLS representation.**

BOX 2

DECISION TAKEN:

To undertake variation of the existing Advocacy Service Contract to include statutory representation (including legislative changes such as Rule 1.2 Representation) for service users living within a Community Setting (e.g. Supported Living and Extra Care Settings) who are the subject of applications to the court of protection for Community Deprivation of Liberty (DOLS) redaction

BOX 3

REASON FOR DECISION AND ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED:

The Council commissions an overarching Advocacy provision for Doncaster via a current contract with Voiceability. This contract includes statutory elements; Care Act Advocacy, Relevant Persons Representative, NHS Complaints Advocacy, Independent Mental Health Advocate and Independent Mental Capacity Advocate, plus a none Statutory Professional Advocacy element.

The current contractual arrangement commenced on 01/08/17 and runs for a period of 5 years, with the option to extend two further 12 month periods.

Whilst the current service specification provides provision for individuals who are subject to DOLS (Deprivation of Liberties) in a Residential Care Setting, it does not cover provision for those residing in community settings such as Supported Living or

Extra Care. Due to the statutory nature of this representation requirement social work teams are currently undertaking spot purchases to meet presenting cases.

redaction

The proposed variation would yield the following benefits to the Council.

- The Council is able to fulfil its statutory duty to provide representation to those individuals subject to Community DOLS, including future changes in legislation such as Section 1.2 representation.
- The inclusion of Community DOLS representation within the current contractual arrangement would allow greater control over provision of representatives, including management and monitoring of the service provided.
- Assurance of provision availability by way of a contracted provision, mitigating time and resource required by Social Workers in sourcing spot purchase arrangements.
- redaction

Options Considered and Rejected

- Do nothing; this would not be acceptable due to the statutory requirement to provide representation and also be more expensive.
 - Continue to spot purchase Community DOLS representation as required.
- redaction

BOX 4 BACKGROUND PAPERS

NO

BOX 5 INFORMATION NOT FOR PUBLICATION:

According to the Freedom of Information Act 2000, any financially sensitive information will be redacted, along with signatures, prior to the publication of this decision.

Name: Gillian Parker **Signature:** by email **Date** 11/12/2018

Signature of FOI Lead Officer for service area where ODR originates

BOX 6

AUTHORISATION:

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Name: Karen Johnson **Signature:** **Date:** 31/12/2018

Assistant Director Adult Social Care & Safeguarding

Does this decision require authorisation by the Chief Financial Officer or other Officer?

NO

If yes please authorise below:

Name: _____ **Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

Chief Executive/Director/Assistant Director of _____

Consultation with Relevant Member(s)

Name: _____ **Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

Designation _____

(e.g. Mayor, Cabinet Member or Committee Chair/Vice-Chair)

Declaration of Interest YES/NO

If YES please give details below:

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