

DE-REGISTERING OF SHARED LIVES SERVICE
COUNCILLOR WAYNE FITZGERALD, CABINET MEMBER FOR INTEGRATED ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH
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Deadline date: NA

Cabinet portfolio holder: Responsible Director:	Cllr Wayne Fitzgerald, Cabinet Member for Integrated Adult Social Care and Health Wendi Ogle Welbourn, Corporate Director People and Communities
Is this a Key Decision?	YES If yes has it been included on the Forward Plan: Yes Unique key decision reference: KEY/06MAR17/01
Is this decision eligible for call-in?	YES
Does this Public report have any annex that contains exempt information?	NO
Is this a project and if so has it been registered on Verto?	NO

RECOMMENDATIONS
The Cabinet Member is recommended to:
1. Authorise the de-registration of the Council's Shared Lives service.

1. SUMMARY OF MAIN ISSUES

- 1.1 This report seeks the Cabinet Member for Integrated Adult Social Care and Health to authorise Peterborough City Council to de-register the Shared Lives service.

2. PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

- 2.1 This report is for Cllr Fitzgerald, Cabinet Member for Integrated Adult Social Care and Health to consider exercising delegated authority under paragraph 3.4.4 of Part 3 of the constitution in accordance with the terms of their portfolio at paragraph (b).

3. TIMESCALE

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO
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4. DETAILS OF DECISION REQUIRED

4.1 The decision maker is asked to:

4.1.1 Authorise de-registration of the Council's Shared Lives service.

5. BACKGROUND

5.1 Shared Lives is a model of care that enables people with eligible needs to live as part of a household and receive some support as if they were a member of the carer's family.

5.2 The Council's Shared Lives service recruits, assesses and approves families/carers who are willing to care for adults with a physical disability, learning disability or the elderly. The individuals live as tenants in the carer's home receiving housing and other benefits to cover housing costs and living costs.

5.3 The Shared Lives service is currently small, supporting 11 service users. It employs one post (a 0.6 whole-time-equivalent Council staff) and a Registered Manager (who is also the Manager of the Reablement team). It is due to be inspected by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) in its 2017/18 programme.

5.4 To ensure carers continue to receive the valued support they currently receive, alternative arrangements (such as direct payments) will be put in place to maintain current financial support for the service users. The Service Manager would de-register the service with the CQC.

6. CONSULTATION

6.1 All service users and carers were met with on a 1-1 basis by way of consultation.

6.2 The results of the consultation process can be summarised as feedback regarding:

- a) Future financial arrangements
- b) Training and support on issues such as first aid
- c) A point of contact in case of future concerns
- d) Specific arrangements for children and young people who would be leaving care, and
- e) Robust payments systems will need to be in place

6.3 The responses and steps envisaged to be taken by the Council in relation to the consultation feedback are:

- a) The Council will look to revise the payments to Shared Lives carers via Direct Payments to seek to ensure they are not financially disadvantaged (on a case by case basis)
- b) The Council will seek to make arrangements through the new Direct Payment Support service tender to make some training available (first aid was specifically mentioned) and some method for ensuring service users and social workers know there are supported lodging arrangements available for use through direct payments
- c) A telephone number will be available to current Shared Lives carers to seek advice or guidance if required
- d) "Staying Put" arrangements will be introduced for children leaving care where required for current Shared Lives carers
- e) No changes are to be introduced until the Council is confident the new payment systems will work.

7. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

7.1 Approval of the recommendation will result in the de-registration of the Council's Shared Lives service.

- 7.2 Current support arrangements for service users and existing Shared Lives carers will continue but payments will be through a route of Direct Payments.

8. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS & ANY RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 8.1 The Council's Shared Lives service would require substantial investment in order to continue and to achieve appropriate standards (including those of the CQC). The funds required to make such an investment would be around £70,000 and these funds are not within budget.
- 8.2 The service is due to be inspected by the CQC in its 2017/2018 programme, and it is likely that the service would fail to meet the required standards posing a reputational risk to the Council.
- 8.3 Engagement with service users of the Shared Lives service has been undertaken. Visits were arranged with each of the service users and their carers to discuss the service being de-registered. The engagement allowed the options available to those service users to be discussed and explored and how the Council can support the transition. The areas of feedback provided as part of that engagement is detailed within paragraph 6.2 of this report.
- 8.4 Having taken into account service users and carers views, and with substantial investment required to continue the service, the recommendation is to de-register the service and move over to direct payments.

9. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 9.1 Maintain the existing service within the Council without investment: This option was rejected as the service would not achieve appropriate standards, and the Council would face potential reputational risk in the event that the CQC inspection in 2017/2018 required the Council to improve the service.
- 9.2 Maintain the existing service within the Council with investment: This is not possible, as funds are not available to provide the level of investment required for the service.
- 9.3 Externally commission the service: This option was rejected on the basis that substantial investment by an external provider would be needed, as there is no internal funding available to make this investment.

10. IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 The process of ceasing the service has raised concerns from service users and carers, as existing arrangements are long term and relationships have been formed between the carers and the service users. These concerns have been allayed through the alternative arrangements that can be put in place as discussed above, and the steps which can be taken by the Council to deal with those concerns, as set out in paragraph 6.3 of this report.
- 10.2 The details of any move to alternative arrangements by service users has been explored with each of the service users and their carers to ensure they have a full understanding of the risks of any alternatives as well as benefits, and how the Council can support their transition.
- 10.3 Alternative service arrangements will be needed for each service user to meet their needs once the service is discontinued.

HR Implications

- 10.4 Liaison with Human Resources is being undertaken in relation to any impact upon the 0.6

full-time-equivalent member of Council staff.

Legal Implications

10.5 Whilst a full formal consultation is not required, in order for the Council to act fairly, it is advisable to speak to the service users and carers that will be affected by the change for representations to be considered by the Council. This engagement has been carried out.

10.6 The Commissioning Board of the Council considered this proposal in December 2016 and has agreed to this option and outcome, subject to any representations of the service users.

10.7 The Shared Lives scheme is a national scheme that has to be registered with CQC. The Council has the power to provide this service under the Care Act 2014 but there is no statutory requirement for the Council to have such a scheme, only that if they do it has to be appropriately registered with CQC.

Financial Implications

10.8 The annual costs for the existing arrangements under the Council's Shared Lives service is £158,000 care costs plus £42,518 service support costs. This spend is against an annual budget of £208,000 for care costs and the £42,518 service support budget.

10.9 It is anticipated that the spend on alternative arrangements for the service users will be within the care costs budget and that the service support costs will be saved and will be taken account of in setting the 2018/19 budget.

11. DECLARATIONS / CONFLICTS OF INTEREST and DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

None.

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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None.