

<b>DECISION TITLE: Request for an Extension to the Interim, Respite and Reablement Beds</b>
<b>Councillor Fitzgerald, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Health and Public Health</b>
<b>January 2021</b>
<b>Deadline date: n/a</b>

Cabinet portfolio holder: Responsible Director:	Councillor Fitzgerald, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Health and Public Health Wendi Ogle-Welbourn, Executive Director for People and Communities
Is this a Key Decision?	YES Key Decision Reference: KEY/14SEP20/01
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

### R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S

The Cabinet Member is recommended to:

1. Approve the extension of contracts with Peterborough Care Limited, Fins Care, Barchester Healthcare, Cross Keys Homes and Longhurst Group for the 4 Interim, 2 Respite and 10 Reablement Block Beds in Peterborough from 31/03/2021 until 26/11/2021 in order to allow the design of a new care pathway. The cost of this extension will be £183,920.

#### 1. PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

- 1.1 This report is for Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Health and Public Health to consider exercising delegated authority under paragraph 3.4.8 of Part 3 of the constitution in accordance with the terms of their portfolio at paragraph (d).

#### 2. TIMESCALES

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	<b>NO</b>	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	N/A
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### **3. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES**

- 3.1 Peterborough City Council currently commissions 4 Interim, 2 Respite and 10 Reablement block beds in Peterborough.

Interim beds are short stay beds used to support hospital discharge where someone is unable to return home immediately or in the event of a crisis at home.

Respite beds provide planned or unplanned respite to families caring for loved one at home. They play an important role in supporting carers and preventing the breakdown of caring arrangements.

Reablement beds build a bridge between hospital and home by supporting people to recover and resume independent living. Reablement flats are used by individuals who no longer require acute care in hospital but would benefit from a period of ongoing targeted, social care intervention.

All the above beds are currently subject to a one year contract which expires on 1 March 2021. The current annual contract value is £319,671.

- 3.2 This is a request for the contracts for these beds to be extended until 26 November 2021 at a cost of £183,920.

Factoring in the value of the original contract awards, the extension period takes the overall contract value to £503,591 and therefore is a key decision.

- 3.3 In August 2020, NHS England introduced protocols around Discharge to Assess (D2A), meaning that assessment for people in acute hospitals no longer takes place in the hospital setting but instead in the community after discharge. This means that the Local Authority needs a number of short-term beds to allow D2A to be implemented where people are unable to return to their own home immediately.

- 3.4 Although currently supporting the Discharge to Assess model, the beds are based on historical arrangements and are in need of review and recommissioning in order to have most impact and value for money.

Our intention is to develop and commission an innovative care pathway offering a range of bed-based and home care services to support more people to return home following discharge from hospital and prevent unnecessary hospital or residential care admission. The care pathway will be aligned to the new Discharge to Assess pathway requirements from NHS England, and will pursue opportunities to develop a more joined up approach with health to ensure as many people as possible return to living independently in their own homes.

The development of the new care pathway will be undertaken during the next 12 months and will be in place by the end of November 2021. It will aim to deliver a more flexible and tailored service and improved outcomes of those who use it.

- 3.5 The extension to the current contracts is needed to maintain current capacity whilst recommissioning work is undertaken.

### **4. CONSULTATION**

- 4.1 Consultation has taken place with internal teams including the operational teams, Hospital Discharge Teams, Brokerage and Contracts.

- 4.2 It is intended that we will consult with Providers, with Service Users and their families, with the Third Sector and with our NHS partners in designing the new care pathway.

## **5. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT**

- 5.1 The extension of the current Interim, Respite and Reablement beds will ensure people continue to be supported and enabled to fulfil their wish to return home following time in hospital. It will reduce unnecessary entry into long term bed-based care following a hospital admission. It will also ensure carers continue to access respite support to maintain their wellbeing and caring role.

The impact of the new, integrated care pathway will increase the number of older people returning home following a hospital admission. This will reduce the movement of people from hospital into long-term residential and nursing care and contribute to the management of demand for long term bed-based care. It will also help to reduce hospital admissions.

The development of a new care pathway will better meet the needs and aspirations of residents and offer better value for money in the longer term.

## **6. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

- 6.1 The extension of these beds until 26/11/2021 will maintain current provision during the development of a new care pathway.

## **7. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 7.1 The beds are due to expire on 31/03/2021. The alternative option of not extending the contract has been considered. However, some form of short term provision would still be needed, and without block beds the Local Authority would have to purchase this provision on a spot basis which may cost more than an extension would. Data modelling shows that these beds will be needed to meet the current Discharge to Assess requirements set by the Government.

If contracts were allowed to expire at the end of March 2021 it would likely lead to:

- People remaining in hospital when they should be discharged, contributing to pressure on NHS capacity
- Fewer people being 're-abled' to return home to independent living, increasing the numbers entering long term bed-based care
- A shortage of beds to support the respite needs of carers, placing additional stress upon carers

## **8. IMPLICATIONS**

### **Financial Implications**

- 8.1 The extension of the contracts until 26 November 2021 will cost £183,920 in Peterborough.

### **Legal Implications**

- 8.2 The extension is compliant with the Public Contract Regulations 2015 and falls within the Light Touch Regime

### **Equalities Implications**

- 8.3 None identified

## **Carbon Impact Assessment**

8.4 There is no identified carbon impact associated with this contract.

## **9. DECLARATIONS / CONFLICTS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS GRANTED**

9.1 None

## **10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

10.1 None

## **11. APPENDICES**

11.1 None