

NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL**DECISION OF COUNCILLOR DAWN PAYNE
THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE
with advice from the
DIRECTOR, PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES****DECISION NO: P&C36****SUBJECT: 'Access Your Care' End of Life Block Contract****DECISION:**

1. For 'Access Your Care' to continue to provide end of life packages and re-ablement through a short term block contract. Any spare capacity will also be used to assist with hospital discharges and wider shortfalls in home care. The predominant requirement for this jointly commissioned service is End of Life packages of care which are procured on behalf of North Somerset CCG. The provision of end of life care services in the community has had an impact on capacity of domiciliary Care. The CCG approves of this short term arrangement to extend capacity in the domiciliary care market awaiting the wider commissioning exercise.
2. To extend the block contract by 105 hours at the request of the CCG to further support the End of Life service over the winter period.

This decision has come to you for approval as under North Somerset Council's 'Contract Standing Orders' section 5, the Council has the power to suspend or waive the requirements within them due to

- 5.2.11 Contracts for the placement of a person, or persons, requiring community care or special educational needs or requiring emergency accommodation under part VII of the Housing Act 1996.

BACKGROUND:

Access Your Care are currently providing North Somerset Council and the Rapid Response Service with 602.5 hours per week due to demographic demand pressures. Domiciliary care services are subject to capacity constraints, particularly in the area of End of Life, which has seen significant increases in recent months. In order to meet this challenge it is proposed to extend the existing community response service operating out of hours, to provide additional capacity.

The CCG have requested that this capacity be increased over the winter to further support the End of Life Service. The request is for 105 hours per week which will offer the ability to send 2 care workers to service users between the hours of 8am-11am and 5.30pm-10pm.

REASONS:

This is an established service with proven reliability and flexibility and Access Your Care are able to recruit staff to this service and start within a short timeframe.

OTHER ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

This is not a long term commitment. This is an interim arrangement to support the re-commissioning of domiciliary services for the whole of North Somerset. This option is preferred as it is needed to start immediately for our end of life patients to ensure sufficient capacity is available during the interim period. Access Your Care are fully aware that this is currently a short term arrangement and that if required longer term there will be a procurement process undertaken.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The cost of extending the current service is £254,790.90 for 6 months, based on delivering 79 hours a day, 605.5 hours of domiciliary care a week.

The cost of the proposed new service is £46,410 for 6 months, based on delivering 7.5 hours a day, 105 hours of domiciliary care a week.

1. The service offers a same day start which includes an assessment of the patient.
2. The service is covering both the north and south of North Somerset. Access Your Care are able to accept all packages resulting in higher mileage coverage.

A significant element of the costs will be funded by North Somerset CCG for the End of Life element.

Implications for Future Years:

This action is seen as a proactive move to stabilise capacity whilst existing domiciliary care providers reposition their business activity awaiting the outcome of first phased recommissioning in the Worle area.

As the majority of the packages are End of Life care, by nature of the work the packages will be short term.

Signed:
Councillor Dawn Payne
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Dated:

Confirmation of advice given:

Signed:
Sheila Smith
Director, People and Communities

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