

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Stroke Association Funding Extension
Total Value:	£18,509 (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	<p>To fund a contribution of £18,509 from mainstream funding, for one year from 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016 towards the contract held by the CCG for the provision of the stroke service. The CCG have approval to extend the contract for this period.</p> <p>To dispense with Contract Procedure Rule 5.1.1 in accordance with Financial Regulation 3.29 (Operational Issues) to allow payment to the Stroke Association for the period detailed above.</p>
Reasons for the Decision(s)	<p>Strokes are the greatest single cause of disability in adults. Survival rates from strokes are continuing to increase, but this means that there are increasing numbers of survivors with complex needs. Support for stroke survivors is predominantly provided for by a range of health interventions and through the provision of packages of social care based on individual need.</p> <p>In addition the City Council along with the County Council and the City and County Clinical Commissioning Groups jointly commission a small additional service from the Stroke Association. The City contract for this service is held by Nottingham CCG. The service provides information, advice and support to stroke survivors and their families. This is the only stroke specific service commissioned by the City Council and is in line with the recommendations of the 2010 Stroke Strategy.</p> <p>Nottingham City CCG are undertaking a review of the commissioning of city stroke provision in 2015 in order to determine future procurement. The CCG now has a stroke pathway in place which incorporates community and inpatient provision. The review will ensure that all stroke provision is effectively aligned to this pathway. Given the significant resourcing of this pathway by the CCG, the City Council will not continue to contribute to future provision after March 2016.</p>

Other Options Considered: Do Nothing. There is no statutory requirement for the provision of stroke specific services by social care. However, current provision is jointly commissioned by City and County local authorities and CCGs. Any unplanned disinvestment is likely to have an adverse effect on all parties.
Tender a new service independently. The city element of the current service is insufficient to tender a stand alone service. Current provision needs to be reviewed and aligned to the stroke pathway

Background Papers: None.

Published Works: None.

Affected Wards: Citywide

Colleague / Councillor Interests: None.

Dispensation from Financial Regulations: Yes

Consultations: Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

Crime and Disorder Implications: Not applicable

Equality: EIA not required. Reasons: An EIA is not required as there is no proposed change to provision for the coming year.

Social Value Considerations: Not applicable

Regard for NHS Constitution: Improving recovery from stroke is an indicator within the Public Health Outcome Framework.

Decision Type: Portfolio Holder

Subject to Call In: Yes

Call In Expiry date:

25/11/2015

Advice Sought:

Legal, Finance, Procurement

Legal Advice:

This report does not raise any significant legal issues. An agreement or service level agreement should be in place with the CCG to ensure the funded services are defined and delivered.

Advice provided by Andrew James (Team Leader Contracts and Commercial) on 19/10/2015.

Finance Advice:

The funding to support this decision will be met from the adult social care contracts budget and within the funding available within the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP). As detailed by the report author, this short term extension will allow all future provision to be aligned to the CCG community and inpatient stroke pathway. The funding released from 2016/17 will be incorporated into the 2016/17 adults big ticket programme.

This proposal seeks dispensation from Contract Procedure Rules (5.1.1) in accordance with Financial Regulations 3.29, and is appropriate in these circumstances.

Advice provided by Darren Revill (Finance Analyst) on 05/10/2015.

Procurement Advice:

A review of stroke provision is currently underway to ensure that all future provision is aligned to the Nottingham City CCG pathway. Future procurements will need to be determined as part of this review, to ensure they are fit strategically with city provision. In order to enable this review to take place dispensation from the provisions of the Contract Procedure Rules (5.1.1) in accordance with Financial Regulation (3.29) (Operational Issues) to allow for a 12 month contract extension is supported from a procurement perspective on this occasion.

Advice provided by Kate Lowman (Lead Procurement Officer) on 27/10/2015.

Signatures

Alex Norris (PH for Adults, Health and Community Sector)

SIGNED and Dated: 13/11/2015

Alison Michalska (Corporate Director for Children and Adults)

SIGNED and Dated: 13/11/2015

Theresa Channell (Head of Corporate and Strategic Finance) - Dispensation from Financial Regulations

SIGNED and Dated: 16/11/2015

Chief Financial Officer's Comments: