

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Extension to Stephanie Lodge Contract
Total Value:	£227,000 (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	<p>1) To approve dispensation from Contract Procedure Rule 5.1.2 in accordance with Financial Regulations 3.29 (Operational Issues) to allow for a 12 month extension to the contract with the current provider for the provision of housing related support for vulnerable adults with mental ill-health from 1st of April 2019 until 31st of March 2020.</p> <p>2) To approve funding (£227,000) for the extension of the current contract.</p>

Reasons for the Decision(s) This paper seeks approval to fund the extension of the Stephanie Lodge service in order to align the delivery of this service with the Council's Better Lives, Better Outcomes Programme. The service provides temporary housing for six months with support to vulnerable adults to recover from a severe mental ill-health episode. The service also supports vulnerable adults suffering from mental health to live independently or to recover more independent living arrangements. It supports vulnerable adults to avoid the need for other more intensive and intrusive forms of support (such as residential provision).

The request for a further extension for another 12 months is required to ensure the following:

1) Under Phase 1 of the Mental Health Strategic Commissioning Review (2017) it was recommended a Phase 2 review be carried out. This has now been agreed. The aim of this review will be to consider in greater depth the costs and outcomes of the different provision within the MH pathway. Phase 2 will also review the impact of the implementation of the Better Lives, Better Outcomes programme launched by Adult Social Care in 2018 on the pathway. This work will help to inform what is required in terms of future commissioning intentions.

2) There is also a need to align Stephanie Lodge with other similar provision that we commission as they have all been extended to 31st of March 2020. This will allow the Commissioning team to consider this service with similar services and therefore inform future commissioning intentions in a holistic way. Extending this service to the 31st of March 2020 will bring it in line with the other services.

Other Options Considered: Do Nothing: This option is rejected on the basis that it will result in the temporary loss of key provision and support for vulnerable adults in Nottingham. Without these services there is a high risk that it would increase demand for other health and social care services provided which will put pressure on the Adult Social Care Budget.

To not extend the contracts and go out to tender: This option is rejected on the grounds that the on-going commitment of resources toward the activity provided by the service should be considered as part of the wider Better Lives, Better Outcomes programme of the support commissioned by the Council to assist those with a significant mental health activity. It would not be efficient therefore to tender this services in isolation for the interim period.

Background Papers: Not applicable

Published Works: Report and minutes from Nottingham City Health and WellBeing Board Commissioning Sub Committee 31st of January 2018

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:	This service helps to prevent crime and disorder through the provision of accommodation and support designed to assist vulnerable citizens to maintain or re-establish independent living. They support and divert citizens who are at risk of perpetrating crime or becoming victims from criminal activities.
Equality:	EIA not required. Reasons: No EIA required as the decision does not seek to change the nature of the provision that has previously been authorised.
Social Value Considerations:	Not applicable.
Decision Type:	Portfolio Holder
Subject to Call In:	Yes
Call In Expiry date:	05/03/2019
Advice Sought:	Legal, Finance, Procurement
Legal Advice:	<p>The proposal to extend the existing contract at Stephanie Lodge will provide continued support to vulnerable adults with mental ill-health and help prevent crime and disorder by assisting citizens to maintain or establish independent living.</p> <p>The service at Stephanie Lodge has previously been extended to enable a review, the outcome of such has identified a further review is required which will enable greater depth costs and outcomes of the Mental Health Pathways to be undertaken, this extension will enable that review to be undertaken with a view to the service also being aligned to the delivery of other service contract as part of the Better Lives, Better Outcomes Programme which end in March 2020.</p> <p>This extension is deemed a permitted modification under Regulation 72 (1) (b) of the Public Contracts Regulations and is supported on the basis that for technical and economic reasons it would be impracticable and cause significant inconvenience and duplication of costs to retender the contract at this time. Reviewing and tendering if appropriate with the broader services at the same time seeks to provide efficiencies in offering an aligned service.</p> <p>For the reasons given in the report, dispensation from Contract Procedure Rule 5.1.2 in accordance with Financial Regulation 3.29 is supported. Advice provided by Dionne Claire Screatton (Solicitor) on 07/02/2019.</p>

Finance Advice:

This decision seeks approval to extend the Stephanie Lodge contract for a period of one year from 01st April 2019 to 31st March 2020. This will enable the continued provision of housing related support for vulnerable adults with mental ill-health.

The total cost of this decision is £0.227m which will be funded from ASC budgets, as incorporated within the MTFP.

This decision seeks dispensation from Contract Procedure Rule 5.1.2 in accordance with Financial Regulations 3.29 (Operational Issues) and for reasons outlined by the report author, it is deemed appropriate in this instance.

Advice provided by Hayley Mason (Strategic Finance Business Partner) on 12/02/2019.

Procurement Advice:

The proposal to extend the contract for Stephanie Lodge for the period from 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020 will allow this service to be considered under the Better Lives, Better Outcomes Programme in order to inform longer term commissioning decisions in relation to mental health services. Additionally, it will enable Stephanie Lodge to be aligned with similar commissioned services, all of which end on 31st March 2020, whilst an appropriate procurement process is completed for future provision. For these reasons, dispensation from the provisions of the Contract Procedure Rules (5.1.2) in accordance with Financial Regulation (3.29) (Operational Issues) is supported from a procurement perspective and is allowed under Reg 72 (1)(b) of Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

Advice provided by Julie Herrod (Procurement Officer) on 04/02/2019.

Signatures

Sam Webster (PH for Adult Social Care and Health)
SIGNED and Dated: 25/02/2019
Catherine Underwood (Director of Adult Social Services)
SIGNED and Dated: 14/02/2019
Laura Pattman (Strategic Director of Finance) - Dispensation from Financial Regulations
SIGNED and Dated: 12/02/2019
Chief Finance Officer's Comments: