

## Urgent Cabinet Report/Delegated Decision Form

<b>Report/Decision Title</b>	D2A Residential Care Block-booking Arrangement
<b>Date of request</b>	06.03.23
<b>Date of meeting/decision</b>	-

### **Urgent – General Exception - Reasons for urgency outlined below**

There are immediate pressures on both adult social care and Foundation Trusts to facilitate timely discharge of 65+ residents from acute settings back into community. Discharge to assess processes allow local authorities an additional 4 weeks to appropriately assess a residents' needs outside an acute hospital setting to ensure their ongoing social care needs can be met effectively. This is done with the emphasis on reablement and enabling the resident to return to their own home with additional wrap-around social care support where required.

At present there are vacancies within residential care in Redcar & Cleveland but providers are reluctant to accept residents on a D2A pathway from hospital due to the short-turnaround in assessment and acceptance required of providers by social care and acute Trusts. The nature of short -term stay often does not make these residents financially viable for providers due to the complexity of their needs.

By entering into a block-booking arrangement with a select number of providers the local authority will be utilising beds within the current residential care market, but will offer financial incentive to ensure providers can deliver under D2A effectively, but will also ensure there is quick turnaround of assessment and acceptance of residents into these settings as part of the agreement, thus alleviating immediate pressure on hospital and social care systems.

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<b>I confirm that the relevant chair of Scrutiny and Improvement Committee (or if there is not chair, the whole committee individually) and the Cabinet Member have been informed by notice in writing of the decision to be taken.</b>					
<b>Officer name (Delegated Power Author)</b>	Gareth Harding	<b>Officer Signature</b>		<b>Date</b>	06.03.23
<b>Assistant Director Name</b>	Victoria Wilson	<b>Assistant Director signature</b>		<b>Date</b>	06.03.2023

<b>This urgent report/decision has been seen and agreed by the following:</b>	
<b>Officer / Member</b>	<b>Signature</b>
Managing Director	
Section 151 Officer	
Monitoring Officer	

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Are the details of the decision to be public or confidential?

## Public

If the details of the decision are confidential, please select the category for exemption under the Local Government Act 1972

Choose an item.

<b>Reference</b>	<b>ADCOM-23-024</b>
<b>Corporate Plan Priority</b>	Meeting Residents' Needs
<b>Delegation Title</b>	D2A Block Booking Agreement
<b>Delegated Power Number</b>	453 – Vary a contract
<b>Date of Exercise</b>	03/03/2023
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Cllr Mary Ovens
<b>Assistant Director</b>	Victoria Wilson

<b>Type of Decision (Key/Executive/Non-Executive)</b> See Scheme of Delegation to Officers – Council Constitution	Key - Executive
<b>FOR KEY DECISIONS ONLY</b>	
<b>Delegated Power Forward Plan Ref</b>	If a key decision has not been published in the forward plan at least 28 days in advance of the decision being taken, then the urgency or special urgency rules must be applied, and relevant forms completed in conjunction with Democratic Services
<b>Date Decision Published in Forward Plan</b>	Click or tap to enter a date. To be completed by Democratic Services
<b>Urgency (For Key Decisions not included in Forward Plan only)</b>	Urgent - General Exception - Forms Attached

### Background to decision:

In April 2022 the UK Government published its Hospital Discharge and Community Support Guidance. The guidance placed an emphasis on local authorities and NHS bodies to work collaboratively to establish efficient and appropriate discharge pathways that best suit the needs of the local population. These approaches include 'Discharge to Assess' pathways, where the driver is to ensure that the vast majority of people discharged from hospital following a period of acute care return to their usual place of residence.

The discharge to assess model is built upon evidence that the most effective way to support people is to ensure they are discharged safely when they are clinically ready, with timely and

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appropriate recovery support if needed. An assessment of longer-term or end of life care needs should take place once they have reached a point of recovery, where it is possible to make an accurate assessment of their longer-term needs.

In Redcar & Cleveland we are experiencing increasing problems with sourcing packages of social care support to be delivered in people's homes upon discharge from acute settings. This problem is being exacerbated by increased demand on health services, meaning there is greater push for hospital patients to be discharged as soon as they are deemed medically fit.

By entering into a block-booking arrangement with residential care settings the local authority is able to appropriately fund providers to accept patients discharged from hospital who require a period of up to 4 weeks further intensive social care support and assessment. Block booking beds for residential, EMI and nursing placements will allow providers to establish an appropriate staffing base and resources to cope with demands placed on their services to accept residents at short notice and over evenings and weekends, where NHS Trusts experience their biggest pressures to free beds for medical use.

It is proposed that the terms of the current Redcar & Cleveland Residential Care Agreement are extended to four residential care providers in Redcar & Cleveland to cover a total of 20 care beds across 4 settings for the purpose of D2A.

## **Decision Considerations:**

Contract Procedure Rules:

In accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules 9.17: Power to vary the terms of an existing contract, where there is provision within the contract to do so.

The local authority would like to enter into a short term arrangement with four residential care providers for the provision of D2A beds within their care settings.

## **Full details of decision:**

Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council wishes to vary the terms of the current Residential Care Agreement with four older person's care home providers to enable a number of care beds within each facility to be block-booked by the local authority for the sole purpose of supporting Redcar & Cleveland residents discharged from an acute hospital setting under a Discharge to Assess arrangement.

The arrangement shall commence from 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and run until 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023. The following providers and number of beds within each setting are outlined below;

St. Peter's Care Home – 5 beds

Graceland Care Home – 5 beds

Shoreline Nursing Home – 3 beds

Sandbanks Care Centre – 6 beds

## **Financial detail:**

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<p>Full cost of the agreement will be £500,000</p> <p>The funding for this initiative will come from delegated NHS grant for 2022/23 to social care for the purposes of Hospital Discharge.</p> <p>Funded from budget code: 10991</p>	
<p><b>Delivering Social Value:</b></p> <p>This proposal will support the local residents by ensuring their needs are met appropriately following a short term period of rehabilitation and assessment in a residential care setting following discharge from acute hospital settings.</p> <p>The proposal will also support local social care business and support jobs within the social care sector.</p>	
<p><b>Reasons for Decision:</b></p> <p>This agreement will enable the local authority to deliver upon its responsibilities under the Care Act (2014) to deliver appropriate residential care services for the population of Redcar &amp; Cleveland.</p>	
<p><b>Details of alternative options considered (if any) and reasons for rejection:</b></p> <p>None</p>	
<p><b>Details of any conflict of interest declared by any Elected Member consulted in relation to the decision:</b></p>	
<p><b>Details of any dispensation granted in respect of any conflict of interest:</b></p>	
<p><b>Background Papers:</b></p> <p>n/a</p>	
<b>Officer Name (Print)</b>	<b>Gareth Harding</b>
<b>Officer Signature</b>	
<b>Submission date</b>	<b>03.03.23</b>
<b>Procurement Approval</b>	<p>This request complies with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.</p>

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<b>Delegated Power Forward Plan Reference</b>	
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## Signatures

<b>CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE</b> <b>Approved by Cllr Ovens via email</b>	<b>Date 10/03/2023</b>
<b>CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER</b>	<b>Date 06/03/2023</b>
<b>CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER</b>	<b>Date 06/03/2023</b>
<b>CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES</b>	<b>Date 10/03/2023</b>

## **Call-In (Key Decisions Only)**

Call-In to be dis-applied due to urgency, reasons as follows:

There is an immediate need for hospital social work teams to be able to facilitate timely discharge of patients from hospital settings into social care. By delaying the decision further this may cause an increased number of days of delayed discharge from hospital settings and could jeopardise the ongoing care and support offered to Redcar and Cleveland residents

<b>Date Decision will become effective</b>	Click or tap to enter a date. To be completed by Democratic Services – date will be not less than expiry of 5 working days from publication unless urgency applies.
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