

LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY
STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

The Portfolio Holder for Adult Care and Health, Councillor Diane Smith has made the following executive decision:

DEMENTIA CARERS RESPITE CONTRACT EXTENSION - GATEWAY REPORT

Reference Report:

ACH 19018 PART 1 DEMENTIA RESPITE AT HOME SERVICE, 19/11/2019 Adult Care and Health Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee

Decision:

That

1. The extension of the contract for a period of 1 year be approved. The extension will commence from 1 April 2020 until 31 March 2021 with a further one year extension option remaining.
2. A variation to the hourly rates of the contract be approved as set out in paragraphs 4.2.1 and 4.2.2 of the report.
3. No charging be introduced.

Reasons:

The Dementia Respite at Home Service is delivered in accordance with the Care Act 2014. It delivers on the Council's vision to support people in Bromley live an independent, healthy and happy life for as long as possible as well as the joint strategic approach to supporting carers outlined in the Joint Strategy for Carers 2016 to 2021.

The Council has a contract with Bromley, Lewisham and Greenwich (BLG) Mind to provide a respite service for carers of older people with dementia to help them maintain their caring roles.

The service commenced on 1 April 2017 for a period of 3 years, expiring on 31 March 2020. There is an option to extend the contract for up to a further two years on a 1+1 basis. The estimated annual value of the contract was £178k, with a whole life value (including extension options) of £892k.

The provision of dementia respite at home has substantially increased over the past year and this has resulted in a budget pressure that is not sustainable. An extension to the current contract is being sought to enable consideration of further options.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Adult Care and Health PDS Committee on 19th November 2019 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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Date of Decision: 23 January 2020
Implementation Date (subject to call-in): 30 January 2020
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