

**NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH & WELL-BEING CABINET BOARD**

**7<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2018**

**Report of the Director of Social Services, Health & Housing –  
A. Jarrett**

**Matter for Decision**

**Wards Affected: All Wards**

**TO SEEK APPROVAL TO SPOT PURCHASE FROM THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE COLLABORATIVE FRAMEWORK FOR YOUNGER ADULTS**

**1 Purpose of Report**

To seek approval for Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council (“the Council”) to spot purchase from the National Integrated Health & Social Care Collaborative Framework, when it is advantageous to do so.

**2 Executive Summary**

- 2.1 The Western Bay Brokerage service to locate and cost Mental Health Residential Placements was established in 2014 (spot contracts – not currently under a Local Authority framework). The service was extended to Learning Disability Residential Placements in 2017. The service runs on behalf of the four partner organisations within the Western Bay Region and reports to the Contracting and Procurement Project Board.
- 2.2 Through the Western Bay Health and Social Care Programme Contracting and Procurement Project Board, the Council has made a commitment in principle to follow other local authorities across Wales and spot purchase through the Framework should it be advantageous to do so.

2.3 The purpose of the framework is to aid the placement of younger adults with complex care needs, raise the quality of service provision at similar or reduced costs compared to existing placements, and comply with procurement rules.

### **3 Background**

3.1 The Integrated Health & Social Care Collaborative Commissioning Programme (IHSCCCP) has been financed by Welsh Government “Invest to Save” funding.

3.2 The inaugural project of the IHSCCCP was the National Integrated Health and Social Care Collaborative Framework (“the Framework”), a national framework that was launched in Cardiff in October 2016 and aims to support the spot purchasing of younger persons (18 to 64 years of age) Mental Health and Learning Disability Residential Placements across Wales by Local Authorities and Health Boards.

3.3 Council officers are aware that on an all Wales level, only four younger people’s residential services have not signed up to the Framework, so it is felt the Framework has a commitment from a wide range of providers.

3.4 The IHSCCCP Framework has been live since October 2016, and currently there are eighteen Local Authorities and seven Health Boards who have made a commitment to spot purchase from the Framework.

3.5 Welsh Government grant funding facilitated the enhancement of the NHS Care Assurance and Performance System (CAPS) - developed by NHS Wales Commissioning Collaborative for Mental Health and Learning Disability Services to manage the external provision of secure hospital and rehabilitation services across Wales - from a ‘database’ of patient and provider information into CCAPS (Commissioning Care Assurance and Performance System); a tool to support the ongoing care, treatment and support of those with non-NHS Wales or local authority care settings.

3.6 The issues faced by the NHS in Wales that led to the development of CCAPS have been mirrored within social care, including:

- Insufficient quality and safety of placement choices

- Increasing demand and complexity of presenting individuals
- Increasing costs within a largely independent sector market driven economy

3.7 The Swansea Centre for Health Economics (SCHE), Swansea University, has commenced a benefits evaluation of CCAPS highlighting examples of the benefits which may be delivered from the collaborative commissioning of care at various levels across health and social care, as follows:

- Supporting patients/clients to receive the right services, care and support across health and social care (micro-level)
- Facilitating collaborative working between providers and commissioners to ensure safe and effective care (meso-level)
- Collating data of commissioned services at national (e.g. Welsh Government), regional (e.g. Local Authority Collaborative) and local level (e.g. individual Health Boards and Local Authorities) to create strategic commissioning opportunities (macro-level)

3.8 The Framework is central to the Western Bay collaborative and the Western Bay Learning Disabilities and Mental Health Brokerage Service, a service that acts on behalf of Western Bay partners to spot purchase from the Framework.

3.9 As part of the Western Bay collaborative, the use of the Framework was endorsed in principle by senior managers of the Council through the Western Bay Health and Social Care Programme Contracting and Procurement Project Board. The other partners - Bridgend County Borough Council, City and County of Swansea and Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board - have already obtained approval to spot purchase from the Framework.

3.10 Placements on the Framework are likely to occur where an improvement in quality at similar or reduced costs to non-framework agreement placements can be expected.

## **4 Financial Impact**

Any spot purchases made via the Framework are expected to be cost neutral or have a cost saving when compared with non-framework agreement placements.

## **5 Equality Impact Assessment**

There are no equality impacts associated with this report.

## **6 Workforce Impacts**

There are no workforce impacts associated with this report.

## **7 Legal Impacts**

The National Integrated Health and Social Care Collaborative Framework was competitively tendered via the Official Journal of the European Union and the Council were named a part as entitled to use it. Therefore, it is a compliant source of procurement. The Council will be bound to the terms and conditions of the Framework and advice will be sought from the Head of Legal Services in any call offs that are to take place.

## **8 Risk Management**

There are no risk management issues associated with this report.

## **9 Consultation**

There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

## **10 Recommendation**

It is recommended that Members approve the use of the National Collaborative Framework for Young Adults in Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Care Homes and Care Homes with Nursing for NHS and Local Authorities in Wales and that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Commissioning, Support and Direct Services and the Head of Children and Young People Services to enter into any one off arrangements that may be required where services are requested under the said Framework.

## **11 Reasons for proposed decision**

Adopting the National Framework will help improve local placement and provider quality with a neutral or beneficial cost to the authority when compared with non-framework placements.

## **12 Implementation of Decision**

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period.

## **13 Appendices**

Appendix 1 - National Integrated Health & Social Care Collaborative Framework

## **14 List of Background Papers**

None.

## **15 Officer Contact**

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