Hampshire County Council Regulation 10 (Urgency) - Notice of a Key Decision on 21 September 2021

REGULATION 10 - KEY DECISIONS

Regulation 10 (general exception) allows for a key decision to be made if it is impracticable for notice of the intention to take a key decision under Regulation 9 to be given 28 clear days in advance of the taking of the decision. Regulation 10 sets out the actions required to be taken in those circumstances which include giving public notice at least five working days before the decision is taken.

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Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Decision Due Date	Documents expected in relation to this Decision/ Consultation	Likely Exemption	Officer Contact	Reason for Use of Regulation 10
Rapid Discharge Service and Discharge to Assess Live in Care The purpose of this report is to seek approval from the Executive Member to extend the existing contracts for the Rapid Discharge Service (RDS) and Discharge to Assess Live in Care (LIC) contracts from the period of 1 October 2021 – 31 March 2022. These services support	Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health	21 Sep 2021	Report and Decision Record	Part exempt This appendix is not for publication as it contains exempt information within Paragraph 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, being information relating to information in respect of which a claim to	Denise Graham denise.graham @hants.gov.uk	The original contracts were put in place to cover 5 months from November 2020 to the end of March 2021 with an option to extend by 3 months. The expectation was that systems might have been in a position to confirm their agreement to a longer-term arrangement from the beginning of 2021/22 but it was recognised that there

individuals who are Hampshire residents to return home from hospital or avoid admission to hospital.

The County Council is seeking approval to extend the above contracts for RDS and LIC services to meet existing and predicted high service levels, catering for an anticipated increase in demand over the forthcoming winter period which may be detrimentally affected further by a third wave of Covid 19.

legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings. Further, it is considered that, in all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing this information. While there may be a public interest in disclosing this information. namely that it promotes full transparency it is felt that, on balance, this is outweighed by other factors in favour of maintaining the exemption, namely the need for the County Council to obtain confidential legal advice.

was uncertainty regarding whether the National Hospital Discharge Fund, (NHDF) would be regularised or at least confirmed to continue into the new financial year. In the event, NHDF funding was confirmed but only for the first half of the year and the actual confirmation was not received until late in March 2021. Given the situation we were unable to move forward with new contracts or tenders at that time and thus extended the contracts whilst the financial position was further debated nationally.

The contracts were modified in May 2021 extending to September 2021. The continued uncertainty around long term future funding streams has meant that we have not been able to put these services on a longer-term footing to this point. Agreement was reached with the local CCGs on 17 August 2021 that they will provide funding from 1 October 2021 until the 31

	March 2022 to meet anticipated demand. We are now seeking approval for a modification to the original contract so that services can be secured for the remainder of this financial year.
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