



INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

Report Title	Learning Disability Services Commissioning
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1: Purpose of the Report

This report seeks approval for the following commissioning activity within the Learning Disability service:

1. The award of contracts for the tendered Framework for Supported Living Services

2: Summary of Key Information

Framework for Supported Living

Integration Joint Board (IJB) approval was given on 15 August 2017 to tender for a Framework for Supported Living in Learning Disability Services.

The tender process successfully delivered 20 providers to the 'Supported Living' element and 15 providers to the 'Enhanced Supported Living' elements of the specification.

In order to now complete the procurement process, approval to award contracts to the successful providers is required. Pending that agreement, the Framework will become operational from 1 January 2018.

Officers are currently reviewing the process for the tendering and awarding of future contracts. A contracts register report will be presented in the new year, which will seek permission to tender and award contracts for all services where the contract is due to expire within the financial year 2018/19.



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Appendix

1. Direction to Aberdeen City Council

3: Equalities, Financial, Workforce and Other Implications

Equalities Implications

It is believed that this report will have a neutral impact.

Financial Implications

In purchasing services, the Council and NHS Grampian must comply with the requirements of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (“the Regulations”). The Council must also comply with Aberdeen City Council’s Procurement Regulations (“Procurement Regulations 2016”). The Procurement Regulations 2016 have been drafted in such a way as to ensure compliance with “the Regulations.”

The procurement process for Supported Living and Enhanced Supported living allowed for the submission of rates by providers up to £17.50 and £19.50 per hour respectively, with a standardised approach for sleepover costs also being applied. The setting of these maximum rates was achieved through the use of a cost of care calculator and benchmarking (with particular reference to the Care at Home Framework). When comparing the cost of current hours of care delivery at existing rates versus current hours of care delivery at the maximum rates there is a marginal increase in cost of £36,000 per year. The service will work to identify additional savings through the care package review process to cover these additional costs.

The total budget available for these services is £12,580,000 per year, with an increase in cost of £36,000, based on current service provision (bringing expenditure to £12,616,000).

Workforce Implications

There are no anticipated workforce issues, such as TUPE (Transfer of Undertaking (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006), in relation to the Framework for Supported Living.

Strategic Plan



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The recommendations in this report complement the strategic priorities outlined in the Partnership's Strategic Plan primarily by supporting the development of person centred approaches to care and support and by enabling supported individuals to strengthen their connection and contribution to their local community.

4: Management of Risk

Identified risk(s) and link to risk number on strategic or operational risk register: (1) There is a risk of significant market failure in Aberdeen City.

How might the content of this report impact or mitigate the known risks:

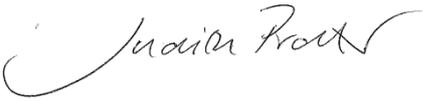
The content of this report seeks to mitigate the known risks by recommending a decision which supports the development and implementation of new commissioning arrangements for Learning Disability services which will provide market stability helping to achieve the future sustainability of services, and promote person centred care and support.

5: Recommendations

It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board:

1. Approves the award of contracts for the Framework for Supported Living to the successful providers;
2. Direct the Chief Officer to issue of a Direction (as set out in Appendix 1) on its behalf to Aberdeen City Council to enable the completion of the contractual process.

6: Signatures

	Judith Proctor (Chief Officer)
	Alex Stephen (Chief Finance Officer)