

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2019/2020 - REPORT NO.

OPERATIONAL DECISION OF:

Director of Health and Adult Social Care.

Key Decision: KD 4951

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Agenda - Part: 1	Item:
Subject: Mini block proposal for Autumn Gardens and Anastasia Lodge.	
Cabinet Member consulted: Cllr Alev Cazimoglu	

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report contains background information relating to residential and nursing provision at Autumn Gardens and Anastasia Lodge along with the proposal to move from the current spot arrangements to a mini-block arrangement. The block secures much needed capacity both in terms of nursing care for dementia and provision that meets a culturally specific need in the borough.
- 1.2 Part 2 of this report contains financial information.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That approval is given to move current spot arrangements at Autumn Gardens and Anastasia Lodge; to a two year mini-block arrangement. The block will be a 1+1 arrangement effective from 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2021

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Autumn Gardens is an 85 bed dual registered residential nursing home rated as 'Good' in November 2018 by the Care Quality Commission. Anastasia Lodge is a 27 bed residential home rated as 'Good' in June 2017 by the Care Quality Commission. Both homes also support people who have dementia,
- 3.2 These two homes can offer culturally specific care and support, specialising in the Turkish/Greek and Greek /Turkish Cypriot community; the majority of Enfield Service users have Greek or Turkish as their first language.
- 3.3 Below is a breakdown of the residents currently placed by Enfield Council:

	Anastasia Lodge	Autumn Gardens
Nursing	0	8
Residential	6	15

- 3.4 The proposal is to convert the current spot purchased provision into a mini-block for two years. This approach has already been successfully implemented by Haringey Council who are implementing a mini block for 21 nursing and 11 residential placements. This work has been done in partnership with Haringey Council and as part of the North Central London Sub-Region approach to managing price in residential and nursing care.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 Keep the arrangements the same. This will not guarantee culturally specific residential and nursing accommodation and may allow other boroughs prepared to offer block arrangements to secure additional capacity from the provider. Contracting for a short-term block arrangement secures much needed capacity where there is currently a shortage of supply.

5 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 The benefits will be that Enfield will be able secure appropriate culturally specific bed space within Enfield and the new block arrangements will deliver overall efficiencies over 2 years.

6 COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, RESOURCES AND CUSTOMER SERVICES AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS

6.1 Financial Implications

See Part 2

6.2 Legal Implications

6.2.1 Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 permits local authorities to do anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the discharge of their functions.

6.2.2 Furthermore, the Council has a general power of competence under section 1(1) of the Localism Act 2011 to do anything that individuals may do, provided it is not prohibited by legislation and subject to Public Law principles.

6.2.3 The Council must ensure that it obtains Best Value in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999.

6.2.5 The Council has power to approve the award of contract under CPR 1.22.

6.2.6 Further legal implications are contained in Part 2 of this report.

(Legal implications provided on 2 August 2019 by Margaret O'Connor based on a report circulated on 26 July 2019)

6.3 Procurement Implications

6.3.1 See part 2 of this report

7 KEY RISKS

7.1. See part 2 of this report.

8. IMPACT ON COUNCIL PRIORITIES

8.1 Good homes in well-connected neighbourhoods:

This provides residential space in a culturally specific environment that is at the heart of the Greek and Greek Cypriot community in Enfield.

8.2 Sustain strong and healthy communities

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The new contract would provide dementia friendly care and support for both residential and nursing units.

8.3 Build our local economy to create a thriving place

This mini contract is with a local provider whose workforce often come from the local community.

9 EQUALITIES IMPACT IMPLICATIONS

No equality impact assessment was undertaken because there is no reduction in service or change in client type.

10 PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

10.1 The mini block will be fully utilised at the start but if places become available, we will be able to expedite discharges from hospital more efficiently. Normally delays from hospital occur when a suitable placement that meets the service user's needs cannot be found. Securing a mini block contract for a dementia friendly service that has both residential and nursing and meets culturally specific needs may well be beneficial in preventing delays.

10.2 Performance monitoring of this contract will be undertaken on a quarterly basis by the contracts monitoring team.

11 HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

None. Appropriate insurance will be held by the provider and will be mandated by the contract.

12 HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

None. Enfield Council will not employ the staff.

13 PUBLIC HEALTH IMPLICATIONS

None

Background Papers

None