

Public Notice

Pursuant to Regulation 11 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, notice is hereby given for a key decision which is not able to be included in the Forward Plan 28 days before the decision is taken. The following decision has been taken under the urgent action procedure by the Director of Law and Assurance, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adults and Health, and with the agreement of the Chairman of the Health and Adults Social Care Scrutiny Committee (Standing Order 5.23(b) Part 4, Section 5, of the County Council's constitution).

Commissioning additional community capacity to support hospital discharge during the Covid-19 pandemic

The Clinical Commissioning Group and the Council are working within the parameters of the [Hospital Discharge guidance](#) issued by government on 21st August 2020 which has established a discharge to assess model which enables people to be discharged from hospital when they are medically fit and for their ongoing care needs to be assessed at home or in an interim setting within given timescales.

The decision is urgent due to the need to put contractual and practical arrangements and joint processes in place quickly in response to pressing needs across the care and health systems. Sussex resilience forum has declared a major incident due to the current impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on local systems and their capacity to manage demand. Pressures on acute and community hospitals are intense and to support this the Council has been working in partnership with the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to manage access to community provision both via the Homefirst (care at home) model and referral and admission to care homes. The current need for services is at an unprecedented level and the Council is seeking to urgently respond to this by creating additional community capacity through a 'Care Hotel' model.

The Director of Law & Assurance, with the agreement of the Cabinet Member for Adults and Health and the Chairman of the Health and Adults Social Care Scrutiny Committee, has used his delegated powers under Standing Order 5.23 for approval to be given to the sourcing of accommodation with live in care to support hospital discharge during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Urgent decisions are not subject to a call-in period and come into effect immediately (copy of letters available).

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