

Public Notice

Pursuant to Regulation 11 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, notice is hereby given of a key decision which it was not possible to include in the Forward Plan for 28 days before the decision is taken. The following decision has been taken under the urgent action procedure by the Director of Adults and Health with the agreement of the Director of Law and Assurance and the Chairman of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee (Standing Order 5.23 Part 4, Section 1 of the County Council's constitution).

Opportunity for a Block Contract with Aster Grove, part of Archmore Care Services

There are continuing pressures on the health and social care system related to the impact of the pandemic, restrictions on homes, capacity of provision where needed and challenges recruiting and retaining staff.

In addition, there is continued demand for nursing dementia beds, and this is not always available to purchase. These market pressures are also resulting in an increasing cost of residential placements. An opportunity has arisen to commission 11 dementia nursing beds on a block contract for two years at Aster Grove, in the Littlehampton area of West Sussex.

This decision is urgent due to the immediate need for cost efficient dementia nursing beds to be sourced more quickly than wider current market availability will allow as well as to meet demand for people with complex nursing and dementia needs at a rate which presents value for money to the Council and an opportunity to make savings on the Adult Social Care budget.

The Director of Adults and Health, with the agreement of the Director of Law and Assurance and the Chairman of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee, has used his delegated powers under Standing Order 5.23 to approve the award of a block contract for 11 nursing beds at Aster Grove in Littlehampton, for two years, from April 2022.

Urgent decisions are not subject to a call-in period and come into effect immediately.

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