



OFFICIAL EXECUTIVE DECISION NOTICE PUBLISHED BY DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

Notice is hereby given that the following decision(s) have been made today by Cabinet Members at the London Borough of Hillingdon:

Title of decision	Out of Borough Paid Representatives, Best Interest Assessments and Section 12 Doctor Assessments
Reference No.	925
Date of decision	Friday 27 October 2023
Call-in expiry date	Friday 03 November 2023
Relevant Select Committee	Health and Social Care Select Committee
Relevant Wards	N/A

Decision made

Cabinet Members making the decision	Councillor Ian Edwards – Leader of the Council Councillor Jane Palmer – Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care
Decision	Approved That the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care approved a direct contract award to House of Advocacy for the provision of Out of Borough paid representatives, Best Interest Assessments and Section 12 Doctor Assessments for an eighteen-month period from 1st October 2023 to 31st March 2025 and at an estimated value of £119,154.
Reason for decision	<p>If a person is losing their capacity and under Deprivation of Liberty (DoLs), it is mandated that Council's support people who are in placements which are out of borough, who do not have families or friends to support them, or where families require support. Out of Borough care homes are used where families want the person to be placed near to them, or where the person has a network, or as a last resort for the Council finding a specialist placement. There is a nationwide trend of people being under DoLs and the Council, therefore, requires more out of borough paid representatives, as a result of these growing numbers.</p> <p>Hillingdon requires a new provider to offer such out of Borough 'paid representatives' and provide additional capacity and resilience on Best Interest Assessments and Section 12 Doctor Assessments. Providing a 'Paid Representative' service is a requirement to ensure that all Adult Social Care placed residents living outside of Hillingdon have the statutory support when their</p>

	<p>mental capacity is being assessed and they are deprived of their liberty. If they have no suitable family or friend representative, the Council must provide this support.</p> <p>A direct award was deemed most appropriate route to award because House of Advocacy has the professional network and capability to carry out the Services to the requirements in line with statutory obligations.</p>
Alternative options considered and rejected	<p>1) To not have this supplier would result in no provision of out of borough paid representatives and of a delay in the supply of Best Interest Assessments and some Section 12 doctor assessments.</p> <p>2) A decision not to tender was taken because officers have not found another provider who would be able to carry out this work for the price and there are limited providers in the market. The current provider has withdrawn from providing out of borough paid representatives, as they do not have the out of borough capacity to provide this service.</p>
Classification	Part II – Members Only and Not for Publication
Link to associated report	<i>That this report be declared as exempt from publication as it involves the disclosure of information in accordance with Section 100(A) and paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), in that the report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) and that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.</i>
Relevant Officer contacts & Directorate	Bukky Junaid – Adult Services and Health Directorate
Any interest declared by the Cabinet Member(s) / dispensation granted	N/A

Implementation of decision & scrutiny call-in

[Internal Use only]	
When can this decision be implemented by officers?	<p>Officers can implement Cabinet Member decision in this notice only from the expiry of the scrutiny call-in period which is:</p> <p>5pm on Friday 03 November 2023</p> <p>However, this is subject to the decision not being called in by Councillors on the relevant Select Committee. Upon receipt of a valid call-in request, Democratic Services will immediately advise the relevant officer(s) and the decision must then be put on hold.</p>
Councillor scrutiny call-in of this decision	Councillors on the relevant Select Committee shown in this notice may request to call-in this decision. The request must be before the expiry of the scrutiny call-in period above.

	<p>Councillors should use the Scrutiny Call-in App (link below) on their devices to initiate any call-in request. Further advice can be sought from Democratic Services if required:</p> <p>Scrutiny Call-In - Power Apps (secure)</p>
Further information	<p>These decisions, where applicable, have been taken under The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.</p> <p>This is the formal notice by the Council of the above executive decision, including links to the reports where applicable.</p> <p>If you would like more information on this decision, please contact Democratic Services on 01895 250636 or email: democratic@hillingdon.gov.uk.</p> <p>Circulation of this decision notice is to a variety of people including Members of the Council, Corporate Directors, Officers, Group Secretariats and the Public. Copies are also placed on the Council's website.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Democratic Services London Borough of Hillingdon Civic Centre High Street Uxbridge UB8 1UW</p>