

EX67. Care Homes for Adults Under 65

The Executive considered a report by the Chief Officer, Health and Social Care Partnership which set out the proposed contract strategy for the procurement of a new Framework Agreement for the Provision of Care Homes for Adults under 65 for prior consideration by the Executive in line with Council Contract Standing Order 6.2(ii) relative to major contracts.

The framework aimed to reduce risks and improve the quality and consistency of support for adults under 65 who were assessed as requiring residential care by the Falkirk HSCP primary adults' framework. The intention of the framework was to maximise the number of providers capable of delivering high quality residential care for Falkirk residents. It sought to stimulate further market interest in the area and potentially create more capacity and increase choice and control and improve lifestyles for all care groups/supported persons requiring a placement within an adult care home.

A framework with multiple providers was likely to provide a more coordinated approach to sourcing adult care home placements which in turn would create efficiencies for HSCP staff, alleviate pressures on current waiting lists, improve governance and procurement compliance and give families more choice and potentially provide better value for Falkirk HSCP.

The framework would ensure greater transparency around costs and support the achievement of improved value for money outcomes. It also provided the opportunity for more collaborative working with Providers around the shape of future services to meet the aims of the Scottish Government "The Keys to Life" strategy and other local and national policy drivers.

Decision

The Executive approved the contract strategy for the procurement of a Framework Agreement for the Provision of Care Homes for Adults under 65 with Learning Disability, Mental Health, Physical Disability, Drugs and Alcohol Related Brain Injury and Complex Needs and Challenging Behaviour with an initial term of 4 years and an option to extend for up to a further 3 years.