

# CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

## Cabinet

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**Date of Meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014  
**Report of:** Director of Adult Social Care and Independent Living, Brenda Smith  
**Subject/Title:** Mountview Services Review – Block Purchasing Respite Provision in the Independent Sector (Ref CE 14/15-3)  
**Portfolio Holders:** Cllr Janet Clowes, Care and Health in the Community

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### 1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 The Council is putting residents first and taking strong action as dementia matters in Cheshire East Council. This is a change of direction in response to the Council's growing commitment to an illness that affects and will affect many residents in Cheshire East, now and increasingly in the future.
- 1.2 A further report to Cabinet provides a fuller description of the commissioning plans for dementia. Some of the key priorities in that plan that the Council is committed to are:
- i) Early diagnosis
  - ii) Early support and reablement
  - iii) Crisis support
- 1.3 The Council is taking positive action to increase the range of respite provision to increase the choice and control for carers. The commissioning intentions are to:
- (a) widen the range of choice to include non-residential support; and
  - (b) provide a range of residential respite in the independent sector to meet individual preferences and needs.
- 1.4 Mountview resource centre in Congleton will remain open providing day care for local residents as now.
- 1.5 Quality provision has now been secured in the independent sector to ensure that the needs of carers in the Congleton area continue to be met effectively. This will ensure that carers can book planned residential respite.

- 1.6 The Commissioning of residential respite will provide a more flexible response and greater choice. The commissioned support will be monitored by the Council's new care quality monitoring system which will cover all care provision in the independent sector.
- 1.7 The independent sector capacity to provide respite was assessed as part of the original cabinet report, that options appraisal report concluded that the range, quality and availability of potential respite care was sufficient and strong and in excess of demand. This strong market has now been tested and a number of beds all within 5 miles of Congleton centre have been offered by the market, 3 of which it is proposed are accepted. The decision required now is to confirm this purchase of 3 beds to be dedicated to planned/booked respite care for 12 months as a pilot. Modelling has demonstrated that 2 beds would be likely to be sufficient for planned/pre-booked respite; a third bed will be purchased to ensure ample provision initially. This period of 12 months will allow further monitoring of the need for this care and allow the Council to change the scale of provision as necessary for future years.
- 1.8 In addition the Council provides unplanned respite for carers. This is currently purchased from the independent sector as required giving carers flexibility and choice to meet their particular preferences. This together with the planned respite support gives carers a range of choice and control options.
- 1.9 The recommendations within this report support the delivery of the Cheshire East Council Three Year Plan:

Outcome 1: Our Local Communities are Strong and Supportive  
Outcome 2: Cheshire East has a Growing and Resilient Economy  
Outcome 5: Local People Live Well and for Longer

## **2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1 That Cabinet note the block-purchase of 3 residential respite care beds in the independent sector in the Congleton area for 12 months.
- 2.2 That officers be authorised to take all necessary steps to implement the decision taken by Cabinet on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2014 to commission residential respite care in the independent sector.

## **3.0 Reasons for Recommendations**

- 3.1 The strategic direction of travel for Adult Social Care as authorised at Cabinet of 4 February 2014 sets out the intention to increase choice and control to

ensure personalisation of individual care and support. These proposed block-purchased beds in the independent sector will provide choice and control for carers. Respite care for carers is a critical support to the carer's role and needs to be a flexible offer. These beds will ensure that carers can book respite care in advance, when required, so that for example they can make holiday arrangements.

- 3.2 In addition to these 'block -purchased' beds for advanced planning there is also an existing arrangement for carers to purchase unplanned respite care in the independent sector in any home of their choice providing the home will accept the Council fee level. These two means of securing residential respite care ensure that there is choice for carers.

#### **4.0 Wards Affected**

- 4.1 Principally Congleton wards: Congleton East and Congleton West.

#### **5.0 Local Ward Members**

- 5.1 Councillor David Brown  
Councillor Peter Mason  
Councillor Andrew Thwaite  
Councillor Gordon Baxendale  
Councillor Roland Domleo  
Councillor David Topping

#### **6.0 Policy Implications**

- 6.1 The decisions in this report support The Strategic Direction of Travel for Adult Social Care Services – Promoting Open Choice report as agreed at Cabinet of 4 February 2014. They contribute to the delivery of the Cheshire East Council Three Year Plan outcomes:

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- 6.2 This decisions in this report are supported by The Dementia Commissioning Plan commissioning intentions, provided in a further report to cabinet in July 2014.

## **7.0 Financial Implications**

The commissioning of residential respite in the independent sector provides more flexibility of choice. The financial costs of these changes are fully budgeted for in the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy.

## **8.0 Legal Implications**

8.1 As original Mountview report 24 June 2013, which have been complied with.

## **9.0 Risk Management**

9.1 This block-purchase of beds will ensure statutory responsibilities are met and carers needs are supported in line with legislation.

## **10 Access to Information**

10.1 The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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