

REPORT TO: East Lothian Integration Joint Board

MEETING DATE: 25 February 2016

BY: Chief Officer

SUBJECT: Position Statement on Contracted Services – Adult Wellbeing

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report is to inform the Integration Joint Board of the current position with regard to Section 10 grant awards within Adult Wellbeing and the proposed way forward which will ensure compliance with the recommendations of the recent internal audit report

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The IJB are recommended to:

- 2.1 Approve continuation of current Section 10 Grants for the 12 months from April 2016 to March 2017 noting the commitment to review all grant funding within that year.
- 2.2 Note that a detailed action plan has been developed and agreed with senior management in order to implement the suite of key recommendations from the recent internal audit process.
- 2.3 Note that a series of reviews is now underway for funded organisations and will be modelled in line with the ELC partnership funding review process.
- 2.4 Note that future recommendations on Section 10 grant funding will also be considered by the IJB's Audit and Risk Committee.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 East Lothian Health and Social Care Partnership, via Adult Wellbeing services, fund a range of providers across health and social care through formal contractual arrangements. These range from nationally agreed frameworks to locally remodelled services to obtain best value, promote service user choice and reflect changes towards personalised services.

- 3.2 Partnership working with the third and independent sectors is central to the achievement of positive outcomes for adults who need social care supports in East Lothian. Throughout 2015/16 Adult Wellbeing has continued to work alongside the sectors to review the impact and effectiveness of this investment and throughout the coming year will continue to work to ensure the maximisation of deployed resources. All disbursement of grants will, as required by best value principles, be supported by robust evidence and evaluation to establish strategic fit and need for any continued funding.

OVERVIEW

- 3.3 East Lothian Council currently manages and commissions in the following contract areas for adult wellbeing services:

3.3.1 National Care Home Contract

East Lothian has twelve Care Homes on this schedule which are subject to the National Care Home Contract agreement. The total contract value is circa £12.5m and contract extensions are currently made yearly through national negotiations and contract variations.

3.3.2 Older People's Day Centres

East Lothian has contracts with 10 older people's Day Centres with Service Level Agreements valid until April 2017 and with a total contract value of £692,246. Day centres are currently involved in a development programme which includes reviewing the model of care, training, transport and funding. Many day centres have now been awarded additional sums from a short term development fund in recognition that funding has not kept pace with the level of service now required and offered.

3.3.3 Help to Live at Home Framework (HTLAH)

This Framework is currently being remodelled and includes all service users aged over 16, including older people and those with physical and/or mental health needs and/or other support requirements relating to the Help to Live at Home Services. The current HTLAH Framework will run until March 2017 with an approximate contract value circa £6m.

3.3.4 Housing Support

A mix of contracts and SLAs with housing support providers are in the process of being reviewed to keep pace with changing needs and models of care

3.3.5 National Frameworks

Two main contracts are in place via Scotland Excel: Community meals commenced in October 2015 to provide frozen meals to individuals and supply to Day Centres. A further scoping exercise is underway to cost care packages through the new Scotland Excel Framework for learning disability care homes.

3.3.6 Specialist care at home provision

A two year commissioning project to modernise care and support services in the specialist framework will run until November 2017. The project sits within the context of a broader transformation change programme of specialist services which will achieve a range of improvements and better outcomes for people with specialist support needs. Currently 367 service users are supported through this framework with total on and off framework costs for specialist provision of £10.26m

3.3.7 Voluntary Sector (Section 10) Grant Funding

In addition, Section 10 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 enables East Lothian Council to award grants to voluntary sector organisations to support the achievement of positive outcomes for adults who need social care support. Current Section 10 funding has been subject to recent internal audit processes within East Lothian Council and key gaps, priorities for action and recommendations for improvement include:

- To ensure detailed guidance on systems and processes for grant funding is in place and that grant payments are only made to organisations where formal approval has been given
- To ensure that all recommendations for awards are given Cabinet approval, especially where Service Level Agreements will cover more than one year
- To ensure collation of clear and robust evidence that demonstrates the basis on which the award is being made
- To set up and embed structured programmes of review for all third sector organisations receiving funding.

3.3.8 Each recommendation is being implemented as part of an Adult Wellbeing service improvement plan overseen by senior management within an agreed timeframe. A series of rigorous review methods is underway to gather the necessary evidence, with all reviews being modelled on the East Lothian Council partnership funding review process

3.3.9 Section 10 Grants approved for 2015/16 include:

Supplier	Contract value
Alzheimer's Scotland	£4,548
CAPS	£57,830
*Capability Scotland (New Trinity)	£85,637
Carers of East Lothian	£63,503

Changes	£41,263
Deaf Action	£50,025
East Lothian Community Care Forum	£53,154
East Lothian Council on Alcohol	£10,755
Haddington CAB	£8,500
Lothian Centre for Integrated Living	£42,201
Macmerry Lunch Club	£742
North Berwick Voluntary Car scheme	£943
Partners In Advocacy (Individual Advocacy)	£37,800
Pencaitland Lunch Club	£1,626
RNIB	£61,887
Scottish Huntington's Association	£7,159
Stepping Out	£60,207
STRIVE	£14,359
Whitecraig & Wallyford Lunch Club	£789
WRVS	£14,677
(Pink Ladies) Mental Health and Substance Use	£5,000
***East Lothian & Midlothian Women's Aid (EMLWA)	£15,000
****Young Carers	£10,693
TOTAL	<u>£648,298</u>

*Service re-provision planned for 2016/17

***Non recurring to adjust shortfall in SG funding for 16/17.

**** Following outcome of service review £10,693 has been paid out of Adult Wellbeing Section10 budget for 2015/16. ELYC will not automatically receive this funding for 2016/2017.

3.3.10 Current payments of Section 10 grants are broadly in line with the strategic intent and key objectives agreed in the IJB's Strategic Plan and will be subject to directions from the IJB to East Lothian Council. Ongoing monitoring of strategic fit with the Strategic Plan and its ambition of Best Health, Best Care, Best Value will be a key component of audit and review during 2016.

3.3.11 Future recommendations on grant funding will be considered by the IJB's Audit and Risk Committee

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no policy implications for this recommendation.

5 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 An equality impact assessment will be carried out as part of the review process.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial – none. The review process will be completed within the anticipated staffing resources over the course of 2016/17.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 ELC: Audit Report on Payments to Third Sector Organisations (Internal).

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