



Meeting of East Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership	Performance and Audit Committee
Held on	23 September 2020
Agenda Item	10
Title	Contracts and Exceptions Update to June 2020
<p>Summary</p> <p>This report provides the Performance and Audit Committee with information about direct spend through the Health and Social Care Partnership's two framework contracts. The report also provides the Committee with information in relation to exceptions to East Renfrewshire Council Contract Standing Orders along with the business reasons for such exceptions.</p>	
Presented by	Lesley Bairden, Head of Finance and Resources
<p>Action Required</p> <p>The Performance and Audit Committee are asked to note and comment on the contents of the report.</p>	

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PERFORMANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

23 September 2020

Report by Lesley Bairden, Chief Financial Officer

CONTRACTS AND EXCEPTIONS UPDATE TO JUNE 2020

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The report provides Performance and Audit Committee with information about direct spend through the HSCP framework contracts; grant activities; non-framework spend together with spend activity on national framework agreements.
2. The report also provides the Committee with information in relation to exceptions to ERC Contract Standing Orders along with the business reasons for such exceptions.

RECOMMENDATION

3. Performance and Audit Committee members are asked to note and comment on the contents of the report.

BACKGROUND

4. In October 2016 the HSCP approved a framework of providers designed to be compliant with the Scottish Government's living wage policy and to provide greater choice and options to support individual's choice with social care support.
5. A replacement framework for Care and Support is now in place through the national procurement agency, Scotland Excel. To date one intake of care providers is included and the next intake is October 2020.
6. The Commissioning and Contracts Manager for the HSCP has a detailed work programme running from August 2020 to March 2021 to transition from our existing arrangements to the national framework.
7. We have 4 Care at home providers with an interim agreement to cover the period from June 2019 when the current contract expired. This provides purchasing certainty until transition to the national framework.
8. It was agreed with the Chief Officer and the management team that wherever reasonably practicable we should only use framework providers to arrange care and support under option 3 of the Social Care (Self-directed Support) (Scotland) Act 2012.
9. All exceptions to this are to be agreed with the relevant operational Head of Service and Chief Financial Officer, with operational arrangements to be agreed to ensure a workable approach across the operational functions of the HSCP.

10. Exceptions can occur for a range of reasons including provider capacity requiring recruitment processes to be taken forward; provider contract compliance and other quality of care related matters. Often these arrangements can be of short duration and care arrangements can be moved to a suitable framework provider as soon as possible.
11. The report shows spend for purchased care for the 12 months from June 2019 to June 2020.

REPORT

12. **Care at Home** – £2.262 million total expenditure with £2.111 million through framework providers and £0.151 million off framework.
13. **Care and Support** – £11.264 million total expenditure with £8.290 million through framework providers and £2.973 million off framework.
14. **Nursing and Residential Care Contracts** – the total expenditure for both nursing and residential placements was £10.487 million
15. **Quick Quotes** – The value of quick quotes in the reporting period in question was zero. A quick quote value is between £10,000 and £49,999.
16. **Direct Awards** – There were no direct awards made during this period.
17. **Grant Payments** - the HSCP issued a number of grant payments to a number of organisations totalling £1.078 million.
18. **Scotland Excel Frameworks** – the HSCP makes use of a range of nationally procured social care frameworks and we use 5 of 7 available frameworks:
 - a. Secure Care
 - b. Fostering & Continuing Care Services
 - c. Children’s residential care and education including short breaks
 - d. Agency Workers (Social Care)
 - e. Technology Enabled Care
19. The workplan to support the transition to the new national framework will also allow us to look at how we can improve our use of information and enhance reporting.

CONCLUSIONS

20. Exceptions to contract standing orders within this report are taken from a snap shot of commitments at the end of the financial year showing costs outside of a contractual framework. We will explore reasonable procurement options within the light touch procurement regime, including where direct awards can be made. The new social care frameworks should begin to mitigate the non-framework activity as this is developed during 2020/21.
21. As stated above the Commissioning and Contracts Manager for the HSCP has a detailed work programme to support the transition to the new national framework.

RECOMMENDATIONS

22. Performance and Audit Committee members are asked to note and comment on the contents of the report.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

PAC Paper 25 September 2019: Contracts and Exceptions Update

https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/media/1980/Performance-and-Audit-Committee-item-10/pdf/Performance_Audit_Committee_Item_10_-_25_September_2019.pdf?m=637347469481500000

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