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**REPORT TO: JOINT COMMISSIONING BODY**

**REPORT FROM: DEVON SUPPORTING PEOPLE TEAM**

**DATE: 14th SEPTEMBER 2009**

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OVERVIEW OF COMMISSIONING PLANS 2009 - 2013

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Joint Commissioning Body (JCB) to:

1. Use the table at Appendix one of this report to provide themselves with an overall summary of the programme's contracts, commitments and commissioning plans.
2. Approve the contract renewals scheduled for learning disability and mental health (September 2009), and Older People (Feb 2010).

**1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 Over the last 3 years, Devon has worked towards integrating housing support within the mainstream local health, housing, community safety and social care strategies for each care group. This approach has reflected the expectation that Supporting People commissioners will seek the best possible alignment between housing support investments, and the different sorts of housing support need that each care group has. This work has been led by the relevant Partnership Board (or housing steering group) of each care group. The table at Appendix One of this report includes a comment about the progress that each Partnership Board has made towards setting out the housing support needs of their care group, in a public facing statement or strategy.
- 1.2 In contrast to the specific care group agendas led by the Partnership Boards, the JCB's role is to decide the overall strategic commissioning priorities, in terms of how investment is apportioned across all of the care groups that make up the programme. In December 2008, JCB agreed the introduction of flexible contracts, alongside an annual re-appraisal of the balance of investments. (Report JCB-08-169). The decision as to whether the 2010 'non guaranteed elements' of contracts will remain available to the high performing providers in the sector that generated them, or whether they will be needed to fund activities in other sectors of the programme is due to be taken by the JCB in Autumn 2009.

## **2. ISSUES**

- 2.1 Appendix one to this report demonstrates that an immediate decision is needed regarding the learning disability, mental health and older person contract expiries/renewals. The JCB needs to take a view as to whether it wishes to proceed with the current plan to renew these contracts for 3 years, as set out within the commissioning plans of the relevant care group Partnership Boards.
- 2.2 Although continued use of 3 year contract lengths does carry a level of JCB commitment beyond the period of known affordability (2011/12), the 20% 'non guaranteed element' clause that has been introduced into these new contracts effectively mitigates this risk.
- 2.3 Although a proposed contract length of 3 years does carry a level of JCB risk as to how any new, additional commissioning imperatives - such as Extra Care - would be afforded, the 20% 'non guaranteed element' clause that has been introduced allows for changes to investment priorities to be reviewed each year.

## **3. PROPOSALS**

- 3.1 Approve the contract renewals scheduled for learning disability and mental health (September 2009), and Older People (Feb 2010).
- 3.2 Following completion of Partnership Agreement revision, the JCB to resume its annual appraisal of affordability and investment apportionment across the programme.

## Devon Supporting People Contract Summary - Appendix One to JCB/09/178

Care Group or Sector	Number of Contracts	Dates of contract	Number of months remaining	Indicative 52 Week Contract Price	Location and Progress of Commissioning Plans, and Joint Strategic Needs Assessments (JSNA)
<b>Learning Disability</b>	33	1st Sept 2009 to 1st Sept 2012	0	£3,797,401 (2009/10 price)	Housing Support Commissioning Plan and JSNA available as a draft from <a href="mailto:sue.gubb@devon.gov.uk">mailto:sue.gubb@devon.gov.uk</a> Due for consultation Autumn 2009
	1	6th April 2008 to 6th April 2011	19	£104,550 (2009/10 price)	
<b>Mental Health</b>	23	1st Sept 2009 to 1st Sept 2012	0	£2,768,842 (2009/10 price)	Housing Support Commissioning Plan and JSNA available as a draft from <a href="mailto:sue.gubb@devon.gov.uk">mailto:sue.gubb@devon.gov.uk</a> Due for consultation Autumn 2009
	1	3rd April 2008 to 3rd April 2011	19	£395,199 (2009/10 price)	
<b>Older People/Sheltered Housing</b>	54	31st January 2007 to 31st January 2010	5	£5,413,377 (spend 2008/9)	Housing Support Commissioning Plan - including JSNA - published January 2008. Available at <a href="http://www.devon.gov.uk/index/socialcarehealth/sc-partnerships/supportingpeople/servicedevelopment/opstrategicreview.htm">http://www.devon.gov.uk/index/socialcarehealth/sc-partnerships/supportingpeople/servicedevelopment/opstrategicreview.htm</a>
<b>Older People - Home Improvement Agency</b>	1	27th March 2006 to 27th March 2011	19	£1,247,438	Contract review carried out Summer 2008 (Reports published at <a href="http://www.devon.gov.uk/index/socialcarehealth/sc-partnerships/supportingpeople/servicedevelopment/hia.htm">http://www.devon.gov.uk/index/socialcarehealth/sc-partnerships/supportingpeople/servicedevelopment/hia.htm</a> ) Service Improvement Plans and work packages available from <a href="mailto:clare.miller@devon.gov.uk">mailto:clare.miller@devon.gov.uk</a>
<b>Physical and Sensory Disability</b>	10	31st January 2007 to 31st January 2010	5	£649,480 (spend 2008/9)	Housing Support Commissioning Plan and JSNA available as a draft from <a href="mailto:sue.gubb@devon.gov.uk">mailto:sue.gubb@devon.gov.uk</a> Due for consultation Spring 2010
	5		+ Spot contracts		
<b>Homelessness</b>	36	11th March 2009 to 11th March 2012	30	£6,620,675 (2008/9 contract price)	Housing Support Commissioning Framework published May 2008. This, and Work package implementation plan reports available at: <a href="http://www.devon.gov.uk/index/socialcarehealth/sc-partnerships/supportingpeople/servicedevelopment/hsgsteeringqr/homelessness.htm">http://www.devon.gov.uk/index/socialcarehealth/sc-partnerships/supportingpeople/servicedevelopment/hsgsteeringqr/homelessness.htm</a>