


**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL
OFFICER DECISION NOTICE AND RECORD
(PUBLISHED)**

1. DECISION TAKEN

For North Lincolnshire Council to seek tenders through YorTender and award a contract to continue to provide Life after Stroke Services; Stroke Recovery, Communication Support and Prevention service for individuals and their carers who are at risk of stroke, and stroke / TIA (transient ischaemic attack) survivors.

EXECUTIVE	✓	NON-EXECUTIVE		(Please tick either)	
IS THIS A 'KEY DECISION' ? (see definition overleaf)				Yes ✓	No
DOES THIS DECISION RELATE TO EXEMPT INFORMATION?				Yes	No ✓
EXEMPT PARAGRAPH REFERENCE (NOT TO BE PUBLISHED)					

2. OFFICER DECISION TAKER	NAME Karen Pavey POSITION/POST Director of Adults and Community Wellbeing  SIGNATURE DATE 29 / 07 / 21.....
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3. REASONS FOR THE DECISION (Please ref to any report/minute/background documents attached)	Needed to continue to deliver the right enabling support to people who have had a stroke or who are at increased risk of developing one.
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4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED (BY DECISION TAKER(S))	
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TO BE COMPLETED BELOW - ONLY WHEN A DELEGATED OFFICER DECISION REQUIRES PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH A MEMBER (LEADER OF THE COUNCIL, CABINET MEMBER/CHAIRMAN OF A COMMITTEE) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 'SCHEME OF DELEGATIONS TO OFFICERS' OR DECISION/MINUTE OF COUNCIL/COMMITTEE OR DECISION/MINUTE OF CABINET/CABINET MEMBER.

5. DECISION REQUIRED TO BE TAKEN IN CONSULTATION WITH RELEVANT MEMBER	COUNCILLOR ...Cllr Richard Hannigan POSITION Cabinet Member Adults and Health ... SIGNATURE
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6. ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARED BY ANY EXECUTIVE (CABINET) MEMBER (S) CONSULTED, WHICH RELATES TO THE DECISION, OR (NON-EXECUTIVE) – ANY MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE THAT DELEGATED THE DECISION TAKEN	N/A
7. WITH REFERENCE TO 6. ABOVE - HAS ANY DISPENSATION BEEN GRANTED TO THE EXECUTIVE (CABINET) MEMBER? (ONLY APPLIES TO EXECUTIVE)	N/A

PLEASE REMEMBER TO ATTACH ANY ACCOMPANYING REPORT.

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(The definitions of a key decision are when an executive decision is likely -

(i) to result in the Council incurring expenditure or the making of savings (including the receipt or loss of income) over £350,000 in any one financial year; or

(ii) to be significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards or electoral divisions in the area of the local authority).

**KEY DECISION RECORD TAKEN UNDER THE SCHEME OF
DELEGATIONS TO COUNCIL OFFICERS**

**Tender and award for the provision of Stroke Recovery, Communication Support
and Prevention Services**

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval to re-tender a Stroke Recovery, Communication Support and Prevention Service for individuals and their carers who are at risk of stroke, and stroke / TIA (transient ischaemic attack) survivors.
- 1.2 To award the contract to the winning bidder once an evaluation has been completed.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Life After Stroke Services have been commissioned within North Lincolnshire since 1 April 2013 delivering information, advice, support and communication support for stroke survivors, their families and carers. The Stroke Association deliver the current service with the contract expiring on 31 October 2021.
- 2.2 Stroke is the third largest cause of death in North Lincolnshire, accounting for 90 deaths per year. On average around 270 people per year in North Lincolnshire have a stroke, and around 60 will be admitted into hospital with a mini stroke. Rates for all hospital admissions due to a stroke have generally been stable for a number of years and are similar to national rates. Whilst premature mortality from stroke has generally remained stable for a number of years, death rates amongst 75+ year olds due to stroke have reduced leading to a rise in the number of stroke survivors each year, currently there are an estimated 3,900 local people living with the after-effects of stroke who are receiving treatment in the community.
- 2.3 Whilst there is no statutory duty which requires local authorities to provide Life After Stroke Services, the role of the Council is to prioritise the most vulnerable to achieve better outcomes; in line with the Better Care Fund and Care Act 2014, ensuring individuals are safe and enabled to live their

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healthiest lives in their own homes, facilitating discharge from hospital and preventing further admissions.

2.4 The service contributes to the priorities outlined in the 2018-21 Council Plan, in supporting people to keep safe and well. As individuals are supported to prevent or following a stroke, they are also able to retain employment. The service also contributes to North Lincolnshire's Health & Care Integration Plan 2019 / 24 that outlines our strategic priorities as:

- ➔ Enabling Self Care
- ➔ Care Closer to Home
- ➔ Right Care, Right Place
- ➔ Best Use of Resources

2.5 A review of the current Stroke Association contract has been undertaken to determine future delivery options. The review considered a range of factors, including feedback from stakeholders and stroke survivors and carers who use the current service.

2.6 The conclusion from this review is that:

- The current service is contract managed and is performing well and is responsive to changing needs.
- The current service in North Lincolnshire is only available to individuals following a stroke. There is a need to provide services to individuals who have a TIA (transient ischaemic attack or mini stroke) as this is a sign that a person is at risk of having a stroke. CCG colleagues are supportive of this approach.
- A further need has been identified for prevention through awareness raising activities, working with large employers and targeting areas with greatest health inequalities and groups at greatest risk; providing information and advice on stroke risk factors.
- There is no duplication with the services already provided by the Council.

2.7 Based on the review the service specification has been amended and enhanced to ensure outcomes are met and value for money is obtained. The revised service will offer holistic stroke specific information, advice and support and facilitates access to peer support to aid recovery.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 **Option 1** – For North Lincolnshire Council to seek tenders through YorTender and award a contract to continue to provide Life after Stroke Services; Stroke Recovery, Communication Support and Prevention service for individuals and their carers who are at risk of stroke, and stroke / TIA (transient ischaemic attack) survivors.
- 3.2 **Option 2** – To continue with the existing arrangement until the end of the contract and not to re-commission Life after Stroke Services.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

4.1 Option 1

This option would ensure:

- a service would continue to support individuals after stroke, enabling them to remain in their own home and in their own communities.
- prevention of further strokes incidences and hospital admissions.
- support for individuals post recovery, to enable them to achieve their outcomes in relation to their lives and communication needs.
- compliance with Contract Procedure Rules (CPRs).

4.2 Option 2

This option would leave a gap in service provision which would put pressure on other Adult Services and place individuals at risk of further stroke incidences. Due to previously extending the exiting arrangements, there is no further option to apply for an extension to the current arrangements under an exemption to Contract Procedure Rules (CPRs).

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)

- 5.1 **Financial:** Bids will be invited up to £130,000 per annum (£520,000 for the four-year (2 + 1 + 1) contract period). The funding can be met through existing budgets, largely through the Better Care Fund.
- 5.2 **Staffing:** Legal advice confirms that Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 1981 (TUPE) will apply for this service dependent on the outcome of the tender exercise.
- 5.3 **Property:** It is expected that the service provider will have a base within North Lincolnshire, however service delivery will be in individual's homes, hospital in-reach, and community venues and locations.

5.4 IT: there are no known IT implications.

6. OTHER RELEVANT IMPLICATIONS (e.g. CRIME AND DISORDER, EQUALITIES, COUNCIL PLAN, ENVIRONMENTAL, RISK etc.)

6.1 The Stroke Recovery, Communication Support and Prevention Services will increase equality in respect of access and service provision to those who are eligible and provide a more accessible universal prevention aspect.

6.2 The Service will deliver on the council priorities of:

- Keeping people safe and well; and
- Enabling communities to flourish; as a preventative service that contributes to the health and wellbeing of residents, reducing demand for and costs of housing and residential care; health and care services.

7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED

7.1 Consultation has been undertaken with: service users, providers and professionals who use and deliver the services.

7.2 The consultation confirmed the need to provide additional prevention and services to those individuals who had experienced a TIA.

7.3 There are no known conflicts of interest.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 It is recommended that Option 1 is approved for North Lincolnshire Council to seek tenders and award the contract to provide a Life after Stroke Services; Stroke Recovery, Communication Support and Prevention service for individuals and their carers who are at risk of stroke, and stroke / TIA (transient ischaemic attack) survivors.

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