

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET MEMBER

29 April 2021

Report of the Executive Director for Adult Social Care & Health

**REVIEW OF URGENT OFFICER DECISIONS
TAKEN TO SUPPORT COVID-19 RESPONSE**

ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH

1. Purpose of the Report

The purpose of the report is to provide the Cabinet Member with an update in relation to those actions which were the subject of Officer's Decisions utilising emergency decision making powers as detailed in the constitution and to provide assurance in relation to the reviews which have been undertaken.

2. Information and Analysis

The current challenges relating to the COVID-19 pandemic have necessitated urgent decision-making processes by the Executive Director for Adult Social Care and Health to be implemented to ensure the welfare of service users and the public and to safeguard the interests of the Council. The decisions have been made under the urgent delegated powers to Executive Directors as set out in the Constitution.

In the main, the decisions relate to short-term temporary arrangements which are subject to regular review. This is particularly important where subsequent Government guidance has been issued notably in the area of Adult Social Care. It is intended that as Cabinet is now able to function by meetings being held 'remotely' the need for officers to make urgent decisions will now diminish.

However, it is important that officer decisions are kept under regular review by elected members and officers. At the 4 June 2020 Cabinet meeting it was agreed that Cabinet would formally delegate review decisions to the relevant Cabinet Member (CABCO) meeting as these were meetings held in public, virtually if necessary, in order to ensure maximum transparency. A summary of review decisions made by Cabinet members will be reported to Cabinet every two months. As a further safeguard any significant reductions in service that have been reviewed and substantially maintained over any eight-week

period will be referred to Cabinet as soon as possible after the eight-week period for ratification.

Below, in table 1, is an update on the reviews that have taken place since the last Cabinet Member meeting on 15 April 2021. All review decisions to date have been discussed with the Executive Director and Cabinet Member following review by Senior Management Team.

A copy of the most up to date version of the Officer Decision Records is attached as Appendix 1.

Table 1: Summary of officer decision record reviews.

<p>Cessation of planned respite breaks services for Older Adults and people with a Learning Disability (ASCODR4)</p>	<p>This has been reviewed on twenty-eight occasions by Adult Social Care and Health Senior Management Team and a discussion between the Executive Director and Cabinet Member.</p> <p>The latest review on week beginning 19 April 2021 notes that following ongoing work by officers the current position is that most building-based planned respite services continue to remain closed. Emergency respite provision has been offered, both through building-based services or through outreach services to an individual's home where safe and appropriate to do so.</p> <p>Officers continue working towards re-opening a centre within the County to offer respite in a Covid-secure environment when it is safe to do so.</p> <p>The following mitigations have been put in place since the original decision was approved, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular review of people who need to access respite provision, and where appropriate care packages have been adjusted to reflect the additional care provision. • Derbyshire Carers Association has continued to offer support to carers who may have seen their caring duties increase and therefore their ability to have any respite reduce as a result of day centre provision being closed and cessation of planned respite within residential care. Carers emergency plans have been offered. <p>As part of the Governments roadmap to ease lockdown restrictions from 8 March 2021 onwards, Adult Social care is continuing to review its approach to re-opening respite.</p> <p>This decision will continue to be reviewed on a fortnightly basis by the Adult Care Senior Management Team.</p>
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Financial Charging	<p>This has been reviewed on twenty eight occasions by Adult Social Care and Health Senior Management Team and a discussion between the Executive Director and Cabinet Member.</p> <p>The latest review on week beginning 19 April 2021 notes that following ongoing work by officers, the current position is that these interim charging arrangements need to remain in place to reflect that provision delivered by Derbyshire County Council or private and independent sector providers may not be fully operational or that a person's support requirements have changed. We are continuing to issue payments to providers, for example for a day service as if the person is attending, however we are not charging the person as they have not attended. This means we are doing what we can to support providers whilst services remain closed or have limited operational activity due to social distancing requirements.</p> <p>This position continues to remain unchanged currently, however, as part of the Governments roadmap to ease lockdown restrictions from 8 March 2021 onwards and as Adult Social Care is beginning to re-open more services, we will continue to review our approach to financial charging in line with Government guidance as it emerges.</p> <p>This decision will continue to be reviewed on a fortnightly basis by the Adult Care Senior Management Team.</p>
Shared Lives carers additional payments	<p>This has been reviewed on twenty eight occasions by Adult Social Care and Health Senior Management Team and a discussion between the Executive Director and Cabinet Member.</p> <p>The latest review on week beginning 19 April 2021 notes that following ongoing work by officers the current position is that the additional payments to Shared Lives carers need to remain in place for a further period. This review has taken account of the Adult Social Care: COVID Winter Plan 2020- 2021.</p> <p>Payments to full time-Shared Lives carers continue at £40 per week and short break and day support Shared Lives carers will continue to receive the amount they ordinarily earn. Officers are liaising with carers who have returned to work to consider if any additional support needs to be put in place instead of providing this payment. For full time carers we are seeking to liaise with them in terms of accessing respite provision if required. Payments are also being reviewed as and when people with a learning disability and or are autistic return to re-opened day centres.</p>

	<p>This position continues to remain unchanged but under review as more services re-open in line with the Governments roadmap out of restrictions.</p> <p>This decision will continue to be reviewed on a fortnightly basis by the Adult Care Senior Management Team.</p>
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3. Feedback from Principal Social Worker

The Principal Social Worker has been engaged and consulted with over the initial decisions and has reviewed these latest updates. The Principal Social Worker is satisfied that the original decisions have been made with due regard for the Department of Health and Social Care Ethical Framework. Where appropriate Care Act easement guidance has been considered and formed part of the decision-making process. The Principal Social Worker is aware of the review processes in place.

4. Financial Considerations

As part of the urgent officer decision-making process, regard has been had to financial implications and these are detailed where appropriate on the original Officer Decisions.

5. Human Resources Considerations

As part of the urgent officer decision-making process, regard has been had to human resources implications and these are detailed where appropriate on the original Officer Decisions.

6. Legal Considerations

The reviews of the Officer Decisions made under powers delegated to officers in accordance with the Constitution have ensured that timely consideration is given to the necessity and proportionality of the continuation of those actions outlined in the Officer Decision Records.

The Council's Constitution provides that "notwithstanding any other provision of the Constitution Strategic Directors shall have the power, after discussion, if practicable, with the Leader of the Council or the relevant Cabinet Member or Chair, to take such actions deemed to be necessary and expedient in matters requiring urgent consideration and which, because of the timescale involved, or the need to safeguard the interests of the County Council, cannot be dealt with by submission to the next following meeting of the Council, Cabinet, Cabinet Member or Committee."

The preparation of an Equalities Impact Assessment in relation to all the Officer Decisions made using urgent delegated powers has been undertaken and will continue to inform decision making.

7. Equality implications

As part of the urgent officer decision making process, regard has been given to equality implications within the demand time scales applying. A consolidated Equality Impact Assessment is in development and was reported to the 4 June 2020 Cabinet meeting. Specific EIAs in relation to the decisions that affect visiting restrictions at older people's care homes, the closure of day centres and the closure of respite provision have been developed alongside a more comprehensive covering report.

8. Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: Social Value, Human Rights, equality of opportunity, health, environmental, transport, property, social value and crime and disorder considerations.

9. Background Papers

- Officer Decision Records considered by Cabinet on 23 April 2020, 14 May 2020 and 4 June 2020 and published on the county council website.
- Officer Decision Record considered by Cabinet Member 25 June 2020 and published on the county council website.
- Decision making process during Covid Epidemic – report to Cabinet 4 June 2020
- Review of urgent officer decisions taken to support COVID-19 Response – report to Cabinet Member 11, 25 June and 9 and 24 July 2020.
- Cabinet Report - 30 July and associated Equality Impact Assessments
- Equality Impact Analysis – Urgent decisions in relation to council services, functions and assistance
- Withdrawal of bi-weekly review of specific Urgent Officer Decisions during the Coronavirus Pandemic - Report to Cabinet 11 March 2021

10. Key Decision

As indicated in reports

11. Is it required that the Call-in period be waived in respect of the decisions being proposed within this report?

No

12. Officer's Recommendation

The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health is asked to:

- i. Note the review of decisions made under urgent delegated powers arising from the COVID-19 Pandemic; and
- ii. Note that future review decisions will continue to be made on a fortnightly basis by the Executive Director for Adult Social Care and Health and reported to the Cabinet Member for Adult Care following the election.

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Appendix 1 – Copy of Officer Decision Records

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OFFICER DECISION AND DECISION REVIEW RECORD

Officer: Simon Stevens	Service: Adult Social Care
Delegated Power Being Exercised: Significant management decisions which could have an adverse or controversial impact on the delivery of services or achievement of agreed targets	
Day Care - Temporary Closure / cessation of Service	
Subject of Decision: (i.e. services affected)	Service closure – planned respite.
Is this a review of a decision? If so, what was the date of the original decision?	Yes, review of decision made 23/03/2020
Key decision? If so have Democratic Services been notified?	Yes – it will be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more electoral divisions in the county area.
Decision Taken (specify precise details, including the period over which the decision will be in place and when it will be (further) reviewed):	<p>Cessation of planned respite breaks services for Older Adults and people with a Learning Disability with effect from 23/03/2020</p> <p>Review process Decision is subject to a minimum of fortnightly review by SMT and Cabinet Member, being reported to Cabinet Member on a fortnightly basis.</p>
Reasons for the Decision (specify all reasons for taking the decisions including where necessary reference to Council policy and anticipated impact of the decision) Where the decision is subject to statutory guidance please state	<p>Government and Public Health England advice in relation to reducing the risk of infection spread in relation to COVID-19 states that those aged 70 and over 70 should self-isolate and adhere to social distancing requirements.</p> <p>We need to reduce the risk of cross infection for both those using respite and long-term care home residents to reduce the number of individuals coming in and out of the services to reduce risks in relation to infection.</p>

how this has been taken into consideration.	<p>As the vast majority of users of our older adult respite care services are used by people aged 70 and over it is not possible to continue to operate those services safely.</p> <p>Similarly, significant numbers of the people using our learning disability respite services are likely to fall into the category of having an underlying 'high risk' health condition that means they would be advised to socially distance and minimise contact with others from outside of their household.</p> <p>In order to protect them and other residents within our residential care homes non-urgent respite provision remains closed.</p>
Alternative Options Considered (if appropriate) and reasons for rejection of other options	All individuals are being monitored and reviewed during the period the provision does not operate as normal to ensure that the withdrawal of planned respite does not lead to significant risks to their health and wellbeing.
Has a risk assessment been conducted- if so what are the potential adverse impacts identified and how will these be mitigated	Individual risk assessments have been undertaken in relation to this decision and concerns relating to long term emergency respite if appropriate and alternative arrangements are being considered.
Would the decision normally have been the subject of consultation with service users and the public. If so, explain why this is not practicable and the steps that have or will be taken to communicate the decision	Yes it would have been subject to consultation with service users. Consultation did not take place due to national advice being issued from the Government regarding the COVID-19 pandemic response which stated that vulnerable groups needed to undertake social distancing to protect their health and wellbeing. Therefore, an urgent decision needed to be taken.
Has any adverse impact on groups with protected characteristics been identified and if so, how will these be mitigated?	The decision will have had an impact on older adults, people with a learning disability and their families and carers. The temporary suspension of the service, and the ongoing assessment of peoples care packages brings with it the potential for further risks to those who make use of the service. However, this risk needs to balance with

	<p>the risk of infection from COVID 19 and adherence to national guidelines.</p> <p>Mitigations have been put in place through the regular review of people who would normally access the provision, and where appropriate care packages have been adjusted to accommodate the temporary cessation of the service Emergency respite services have continued to operate from a number of the Council's establishments, or as an outreach services for some people, to support both older adults and people with a learning disability and their family / carers – particularly in order to reduce the risk of carer breakdown.</p> <p>The Community Response Unit, a partnership between the County Council and a range of voluntary organisations and local businesses, has been established to make sure vulnerable residents are supported through the coronavirus outbreak. Whilst it is not known if people who have previously accessed respite services have been referred to or used the Unit, it is known that older adults and people with a learning disability who use other services such as building-based day care have accessed this Unit's services.</p> <p>Derbyshire Carers Association has continued to offer support to carers who may have seen their caring duties increase as a result of the cessation of planned respite and carers emergency plans are being offered.</p> <p>Whilst the Council continues to review the access restrictions imposed on all its buildings, in line with national guidance concerning social distancing and self-isolation requirements for vulnerable people, it is not expected that the building-based planned (bookable) respite service will return to normal operating arrangements in the short to medium term.</p> <p>An EIA was completed on 30 June and is being kept under review.</p>
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<p>Background/Reports/Information considered and attached (including Legal, HR, Financial and other considerations as required))</p>	<p>Any excess staffing capacity generated as a result of this cessation of service will be temporarily redeployed to support other service areas responding to the COVID-19 pressures</p> <p>Feedback on original Officer Decision:</p> <p>Legal Decision is not time limited, if the problem persists in the longer term report would be beneficial to highlight longer term strategy to manage the needs of the affected cohort.</p> <p>Response: Two-week review process is now in place and captured on RODR pro forma</p> <p>ODR indicates that individual assessments are to be undertaken to ensure affected person receive the support necessary – update and assurance could be given in the report to confirm timescales and outcomes for these assessments</p> <p>Response: This will be detailed in Cabinet report and RODR document, but reviews have taken place and are being actively reviewed by P&P teams every two weeks.</p> <p>Finance There are no additional financial considerations in relation to this proposal.</p> <p>Principal Social Worker The Principal Social Worker has been engaged and consulted with this decision. The Principal Social Worker is satisfied that this decision has been made with due regard for the Department of Health and Social Care Ethical Framework. Whilst this decision was informed by the government's guidance about social distancing and COVID-19 guidance in relation to residential care and supported living full consideration has been given to contingency discussions and planning for alternative support evidenced by the following statement: 'All individuals will be monitored and reviewed during the cessation period to ensure that the withdrawal of planned respite doesn't lead to significant risks to their health and wellbeing'.</p>
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	<p>Guidance has been issued to frontline assessment staff to inform their person-centred conversations when exploring equivalent levels of support. Associated RAG rating records have been regularly completed and updated.</p>
<p>Consultation with relevant Cabinet Member (s) – please note this is obligatory.</p>	<p>Discussion between Helen Jones and Cllr Jean Wharmby on 22/03/2020</p> <p>Consultation with Cllr Wharmby on Review 19/05/2020</p> <p>Consultation with Cllr Wharmby on Review 27/05/2020</p> <p>Consultation with Cllr Wharmby at Cabinet Member Committee <u>11/06/2020</u>, <u>25/06/2020</u>, <u>9/07/2020</u>, <u>24/07/2020</u> and <u>6/8/2020</u>, <u>3/09/2020</u>, <u>17/09/2020</u>, <u>1/10/2020</u>, <u>15/10/2020</u>, <u>12/11/20</u>, <u>26/11/2020</u>, <u>10/12/2020</u>, <u>21/12/2020</u>, <u>7/01/2021</u>, <u>21/01/2021</u>, <u>4/02/2021</u>, <u>18/2/2021</u>, <u>3/03/2021</u>, <u>18/03/2021</u>, <u>1/04/2021</u>, <u>15/04/2021</u>, <u>29/04/2021</u></p>
<p>Decision:</p>	<p>Agreed</p> <p>Review agreed by CMT 7/04/2020 and SMT 8/04/2020</p> <p>Review by SMT 22/04/2020, 6/05/2020, 21/05/2020, 4/06/2020, 18/06/2020 and 2/07/2020: It is considered necessary to continue to cease planned respite activity due to ongoing social distancing requirements in line with national Government guidance. Clear evidence that spread within care homes is due to bringing people in from the community.</p> <p>We continue to need to reduce the risk of cross infection for both those using respite and long-term residents and so reducing the number of individuals coming in and out of the service is essential.</p> <p>Clients who would normally attend a planned respite break have had their care package reviewed and it is continuing to be reviewed on a minimum of a fortnightly basis to check that no additional support is required as an alternative to the support which would have normally been received via respite. Derbyshire Carers Association is also offering support to carers who may have seen their caring duties increase as a</p>

	<p>result of day centre provision being closed and carers emergency plans are being offered.</p> <p>In addition, the respite beds are being utilised to support hospital discharge and increase bedded capacity in residential care.</p> <p>Urgent respite provision is still in place as a mitigation where this is considered appropriate.</p> <p>Review by SMT 16/07/2020: Following ongoing work by officers the current position is that building-based planned respite services will remain closed. Emergency respite provision continues to be offered, both through building-based services or through outreach services to an individual's home where safe and appropriate to do so (in line with Government guidelines for use of PPE and infection control).</p> <p>The following mitigations have been put in place since the original decision was approved, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular review of people who need to access respite provision, and where appropriate care packages have been adjusted • Parkwood Centre in Alfreton has been providing emergency day service provision for those people for whom it has been identified as being appropriate to do so. • Derbyshire Carers Association has continued to offer support to carers who may have seen their caring duties increase as a result of day centre provision being closed and carers emergency plans are being offered. <p>Review by SMT 30/07/2020 notes: following ongoing work by officers that the current position is that building-based planned respite services will continue to remain closed. Emergency respite provision continues to be offered, both through building-based services or through outreach services to an individual's home where safe and appropriate to do so (in line with Government guidelines for use of PPE and infection control).</p>
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	<p>caring duties increase and therefore their ability to have any respite during the day reduce as a result of day centre provision being closed and carers emergency plans are being offered.</p> <p>Review by SMT on week beginning 24 August 2020 notes that following ongoing work by officers the current position is that building-based planned respite services will continue to remain closed. Emergency respite provision continues to be offered, both through building-based services or through outreach services to an individual's home where safe and appropriate to do so (in line with Government guidelines for use of PPE and infection control). There is currently no change to this position.</p> <p>The following mitigations have been put in place since the original decision was approved, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular review of people who need to access respite provision, and where appropriate care packages have been adjusted • Five building based day services across the County for people with a learning disability have been providing emergency day service provision for those people for whom it has been identified as being appropriate to do so, with staff from other centres providing outreach services to people in place of opening a building (and in doing so following appropriate guidelines about use of PPE) in order to provide an element of respite to support Carers in their increased role. The bungalow at Newhall, which is a learning disability resource has also supported one individual with respite care. • Derbyshire Carers Association has continued to offer support to carers who may have seen their caring duties increase and therefore their ability to have any respite reduce as a result of day centre provision being closed and cessation of planned respite within residential care. Carers emergency plans are being offered.
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	<p>The next review of this decision will take place by Adult Care Senior Management Team on 10 September 2020.</p> <p>Review by SMT on week beginning 7 September 2020 notes that following ongoing work by officers the current position is that building-based planned respite services will continue to remain closed. Emergency respite provision continues to be offered, both through building-based services or through outreach services to an individual's home where safe and appropriate to do so (in line with Government guidelines for use of PPE and infection control). There is currently no change to this position.</p> <p>The following mitigations have been put in place since the original decision was approved, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular review of people who need to access respite provision, and where appropriate care packages have been adjusted • Derbyshire Carers Association has continued to offer support to carers who may have seen their caring duties increase and therefore their ability to have any respite reduce as a result of day centre provision being closed and cessation of planned respite within residential care. Carers emergency plans are being offered. <p>The next review of this decision will take place by Adult Care Senior Management Team in the week beginning 21 September 2020.</p> <p>Review by SMT on week beginning 21 September 2020 notes that following ongoing work by officers the current position is that building-based planned respite services will continue to remain closed. Emergency respite provision continues to be offered, both through building-based services or through outreach services to an individual's home where safe and appropriate to do so (in line with Government guidelines for use of PPE and infection control). There is currently no change to this position.</p>
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	<p>beginning 19 October 2020 and will take account of the newly published Adult Social Care: COVID Winter Plan 2020- 2021.</p> <p>Review by SMT 19 October 2020 notes that following ongoing work by officers the current position is that building-based planned respite services will continue to remain closed.</p> <p>Emergency respite provision continues to be offered, both through building-based services or through outreach services to an individual's home where safe and appropriate to do so (in line with Government guidelines for use of PPE and infection control). There is currently no change to this position.</p> <p>The next review of this decision will take place by Adult Care Senior Management Team in the week beginning 2 November.</p> <p>Review by SMT week beginning 2 November 2020 notes that there is currently no change to this position</p> <p>The next review of this decision will take place by Adult Care Senior Management Team in the week beginning 16 November 2020.</p> <p>Review by SMT week beginning 16 November 2020 notes that following ongoing work by officers the current position is that most building-based planned respite services will continue to remain closed. Emergency respite provision continues to be offered, both through building-based services or through outreach services to an individual's home where safe and appropriate to do so (in line with Government guidelines for use of PPE and infection control).</p> <p>Currently officers are working towards re-opening a centre within the County to offer respite in a Covid-secure environment. This planning is currently in the preliminary stages and a location is yet to be fully finalised.</p>
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	<p>to have any respite reduce as a result of day centre provision being closed and cessation of planned respite within residential care. Carers emergency plans have been offered.</p> <p>The next review of this decision will take place by Adult Care Senior Management Team in the week beginning 14 December 2020.</p> <p>Review by SMT week beginning 14 December 2020 notes that Currently officers are working towards re-opening a centre within the County to offer respite in a Covid-secure environment. This planning continues to remain in the preliminary stages and a location is yet to be fully finalised. The next review of this decision will take place by Adult Care Senior Management Team in the week beginning 28 December 2020.</p> <p>Review by SMT week beginning 28 December 2020 notes that the position remains unchanged in that currently officers are working towards re-opening a centre within the County to offer respite in a Covid-secure environment. This planning continues to remain in the preliminary stages and a location is yet to be fully finalised.</p> <p>The next review of this decision will take place by Adult Care Senior Management Team in the week beginning 11 January 2021.</p> <p>Review by SMT week beginning 11 January 2021 notes that following ongoing work by officers the current position is that most building-based planned respite services will continue to remain closed. Emergency respite provision continues to be offered, both through building-based services or through outreach services to an individual's home where safe and appropriate to do so, however we are reviewing the safety of continuing this during the new national lockdown.</p> <p>Officers will continue working towards re-opening a centre within the County to offer respite in a Covid-secure environment when it is safe to do so. This planning continues to remain in the</p>
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	This decision will continue to be reviewed on a fortnightly basis by the Adult Care Senior Management Team.
Signature and Date: Simon Stevens 22/03/2020	

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

OFFICER DECISION AND DECISION REVIEW RECORD

Officer: Helen Jones	Service: Adult Social Care and Health all care packages
Delegated Power Being Exercised: Emergency Powers	
Subject of Decision: (i.e. services affected)	To adjust the client contribution guidance to meet changes in service due to COVID-19
Is this a review of a decision? If so, what was the date of the original decision?	Yes, this is a review of a decision approved by CMT on 8 April
Key decision? If so have Democratic Services been notified?	Yes,
Decision Taken (specify precise details, including the period over which the decision will be in place and when it will be (further) reviewed):	That client charging for specific scenarios will be as outlined in the attached appendix. This decision will be subject to a fortnightly review to make sure that the change arrangements appropriately reflect operational service arrangements which are in place in line with national guidance regarding social distancing and supporting vulnerable people throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.
Reasons for the Decision (specify all reasons for taking the decisions including where necessary reference to Council policy and anticipated impact of the decision) Where the decision is subject to statutory	A number of services have now been closed and some people are prevented from accessing other services. In these circumstances, guidance is required to outline which charging regime applies in these different scenarios.

guidance please state how this has been taken into consideration.	
Alternative Options Considered (if appropriate) and reasons for rejection of other options	The only alternative option would have been to continue to charge people, which we could technically have done under our current co-funding scheme. But as individuals are no longer receiving a service, it was thought that they would consider this to be unfair and would give rise to numerous complaints.
Has a risk assessment been conducted- if so what are the potential adverse impacts identified and how will these be mitigated	No risk assessment was carried out with regards to the ceasing of charging. But risk assessments were carried out for all people to ensure that they would be safe when their services were removed.
Would the decision normally have been the subject of consultation with service users and the public. If so, explain why this is not practicable and the steps that have or will be taken to communicate the decision	No. We would not expect to go to consultation when removing a charge, only when introducing or changing a charging regime.
Has any adverse impact on groups with protected characteristics been identified and if so, how will these be mitigated?	No.
Background/Reports/Information considered and attached (including Legal, HR, Financial and other considerations as required))	<p>There will be a reduction in income, but this is not expected to be significant, as the number of clients who cease to receive any services is a small proportion of the total client base.</p> <p>Feedback on original Officer Decision Principal Social Worker https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-changes-to-the-care-act-2014/care-</p>

	<p><u>act-easements-guidance-for-local-authorities#annex-b-guidance-on-streamlining-assessments-and-reviews</u></p> <p><i>Local Authorities should always ensure there is sufficient information and advice available in suitable formats to help people understand any financial contributions they are asked to make, including signposting to sources of independent financial information and advice.</i></p> <p><i>Legal approved – 07/04</i> <i>No comments on ODR received from HR and Corporate Finance</i></p>
Consultation with relevant Cabinet Member (s) – please note this is obligatory.	<p>Consultation with Cllr Wharmby on Review 19/05/2020</p> <p>Consultation with Cllr Wharmby on Review 27/05/2020</p> <p>Consultation with Cllr Wharmby at Cabinet Member Committee <u>11/06/2020, 25/06/2020, 9/07/2020, 24/07/2020 and 6/8/2020, 3/09/2020, 17/09/2020, 1/10/2020, 15/10/2020, 12/11/2020, 26/11/2020, 10/12/2020, 21/12/2020, 7/01/2021, 21/01/2021, 4/02/2021, 18/2/2021, 3/03/2021, 18/03/2021, 1/04/2021, 15/04/2021, 29/04/2021</u></p>
Decision:	<p>SMT Review 22/04/2020, 6/05/2020, 21/05/2020, 4/06/2020, 18/06/2020 and 2/07/2020: There are no changes and the interim arrangements are approved for a further two weeks as position remains the same. We are continuing to issue payments to providers, for example for a day service as if the person is attending, however we are not charging the person as they have not attended. This means we are doing what we can to support providers whilst services remain closed.</p> <p>Review by SMT 16/07/2020: Following ongoing work by officers the current position is that these interim charging arrangements need to remain in place to reflect that provision delivered by Derbyshire County Council or private and independent sector providers may not be fully operational or that a person's support requirements has changed. We are continuing to issue payments</p>

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	<p>support providers whilst services remain closed or have limited operational activity due to social distancing requirements needing to remain in place. There is currently no change to this position.</p> <p>The next review of this decision will take place by Adult Care Senior Management Team on 10 September 2020.</p> <p>Review by SMT on week beginning 7 September 2020 notes following ongoing work by officers, the current position is that these interim charging arrangements need to remain in place to reflect that provision delivered by Derbyshire County Council or private and independent sector providers may not be fully operational or that a person's support requirements has changed. We are continuing to issue payments to providers, for example for a day service as if the person is attending, however we are not charging the person as they have not attended. This means we are doing what we can to support providers whilst services remain closed or have limited operational activity due to social distancing requirements needing to remain in place. There is currently no change to this position.</p> <p>The next review of this decision will take place by Adult Care Senior Management Team in the week beginning 21 September 2020.</p> <p>Review by SMT on week beginning 21 September 2020 notes that following ongoing work by officers, the current position is that these interim charging arrangements need to remain in place to reflect that provision delivered by Derbyshire County Council or private and independent sector providers may not be fully operational or that a person's support requirements has changed. We are continuing to issue payments to providers, for example for a day service as if the person is attending, however we are not charging the person as they have not attended. This means we are doing what we can to support providers whilst services remain closed or have limited operational activity due to social distancing</p>
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	<p>The next review of this decision will take place by Adult Care Senior Management Team in the week beginning 30 November 2020.</p> <p>Review by SMT week beginning 30 November 2020 notes that there is no change to this position and there is not anticipated to be for some time to come.</p> <p>The next review of this decision will take place by Adult Care Senior Management Team in the week beginning 14 December 2020.</p> <p>Review by SMT week beginning 14 December 2020 notes that this position remains unchanged.</p> <p>Review by SMT week beginning 28 December 2020 notes that following ongoing work by officers, the current position is that these interim charging arrangements need to remain in place to reflect that provision delivered by Derbyshire County Council or private and independent sector providers may not be fully operational or that a person's support requirements has changed. We are continuing to issue payments to providers, for example for a day service as if the person is attending, however we are not charging the person as they have not attended. This means we are doing what we can to support providers whilst services remain closed or have limited operational activity due to social distancing requirements needing to remain in place. This position continues to remain unchanged.</p> <p>The next review of this decision will take place by Adult Care Senior Management Team in the week beginning 11 January 2021.</p> <p>Review by SMT week beginning 11 January 2021 notes that following ongoing work by officers, the current position is that these interim charging arrangements need to remain in place to reflect that provision delivered by Derbyshire County Council or private and independent sector providers may not be fully operational or that a person's support requirements has changed. We are continuing to issue payments to providers, for example for a day service as if the person is attending, however we</p>
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Signature and Date: Julie Vollar	

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

OFFICER DECISION AND DECISION REVIEW RECORD

Officer: Helen Jones	Service: Adult Social Care and Health
Delegated Power Being Exercised: Emergency powers	
Subject of Decision: (i.e. services affected)	The ability to make discretionary payments in order maintain our Shared Lives carer capacity and reliance with effect from 1 April 2020 to support placements.
Is this a review of a decision? If so, what was the date of the original decision?	Yes, 22 May 2020
Key decision? If so have Democratic Services been notified?	No – as it does not affect significant numbers of people in two or more electoral divisions.
Decision Taken (specify precise details, including the period over which the decision will be in place and when it will be (further) reviewed):	<p>From 1 April 2020 it is proposed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pay full time Shared Lives carers an additional £40 per week. • Pay short break and day support Shared Lives carers the amount which they ordinarily would have earned. <p>Due to the lack of day and residential short breaks being available to Shared Lives carers they are in effect being asked to provide unpaid care for three days per week 9am-5pm plus the four weeks 28 days per year (pro rata). Over the two months since the suspension of day and residential services this equates to a total of 27 days unpaid work.</p> <p>This proposal would be initially implemented for a period of eight weeks, after which a review will take place with the service manager responsible for Shared Lives and the appropriate Group Manager with Assistant Director oversight on a fortnightly basis. The review would ascertain whether the additional payments need to continue for a further period of time. This would be a delegated decision.</p>

<p>Reasons for the Decision (specify all reasons for taking the decisions including where necessary reference to Council policy and anticipated impact of the decision) Where the decision is subject to statutory guidance please state how this has been taken into consideration.</p>	<p>Shared Lives carers provide family based 24 hour accommodation and support primarily for people with learning disabilities.</p> <p>Some Shared Lives carers also provide both day care and overnight short break opportunities in order that carers of people who continue to live in a family home can have a break from their caring roles</p> <p>In order to sustain what can be a demanding role, the current offer to DCC Shared Lives carers who provide family type accommodation includes the following regular short breaks from their caring role</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • three days daytime breaks per week between 9am to 5pm • four weeks residential short breaks <p>This is typically (though not exclusively) accessed through DCC Direct Care day services and DCC or health residential short breaks provision.</p> <p>The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in closure of all day and short break services including those run by DCC and the NHS health trust. Consequently, this has curtailed available breaks for Shared Lives carers forcing them to undertake care on a 24/7 basis for the foreseeable future.</p> <p>Those Shared Lives carers who provide regular short breaks for the families/carers of people with learning disabilities and breaks during the day are currently unable to do so due to both the closure of day services and the rules on social distancing. Consequently, they have seen a significant drop in their income.</p> <p>These Shared Lives carers are not able to take advantage of government schemes for the self-employed throughout the pandemic response period and are therefore financially disadvantaged unless DCC makes an additional payment.</p> <p>Despite a recent local marketing and media campaign to highlight this valuable role, recruiting Shared Lives carers has been very difficult in</p>
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	Derbyshire. We are very concerned that without providing some additional support to this valuable resource we will be unable to sustain existing carers throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and may also risk losing those carers who may feel they are no longer able to, or afford to continue in this role. Consequently, we propose to make an additional £40 per week payment to all our Shared Lives carers until such times we can reintroduce our previously agreed respite/short breaks arrangements.
Alternative Options Considered (if appropriate) and reasons for rejection of other options	For short break and day support carers a 'one off' payment was considered, but this was thought to be unfair due to the different level of support that each carer gives. The proposed method better reflects the range of activities undertaken by the carer to support each individual/s they care for.
Has a risk assessment been conducted- if so what are the potential adverse impacts identified and how will these be mitigated	<p>The ongoing risk for the department is that if we do not show some recognition of the role carers are undertaking in terms of providing increased support as part of as Shared Lives placement, they may potentially look to end the Shared Lives placement they support. There is a risk of losing some very good carers and the people they are caring for would then have to be place in significantly more expensive care and support packages put in place.</p> <p>For short break and day support carers the risk to them is they receive no or a reduced income and there is no opportunity to take advantage of the government support schemes. The risk to the department is the loss of Shared Lives carers.</p>
Would the decision normally have been the subject of consultation with service users and the public. If so, explain why this is not practicable and the steps that have or will be taken to	No

communicate he decision	
Has any adverse impact on groups with protected characteristics been identified and if so, how will these be mitigated?	No groups are being negatively impacted as this involves increasing payment to enable individuals to continue to provide support to people with a long-term health condition or disability.
Background/Reports / Information considered and attached (including Legal, HR, Financial and other considerations as required))	<p>Feedback on original Officer Decision:</p> <p>Finance The weekly costs of these proposals are estimated to be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Time Carers - £1,800 • Respite Carers - £1,500 <p>With the total monthly cost being £14,340</p> <p>This would be a commitment against council resources and partially offset from the non-ring-fenced COVID-19 Government Grant. All decisions around meeting COVID-19 costs are unlikely to be fully funded from current Government additional funding available. As such implications will fall on the ability to provide services for the rest of the financial year and into the medium term</p> <p>Principal Social Worker Shared Lives is an important way we can help support people to stay as independent as possible and our Shared Lives carers require both skill and commitment to values of caring for others. This commitment helps to ensure Shared Lives arrangements are safe, supported and valued. This in turn should support the wellbeing of people who are in a Shared Lives placement. Information about these arrangements need to be appropriately shared in accessible formats.</p> <p>Legal No implications from a Care Act perspective. It seems to be a financial decision around how much is allocated for this purpose. It is sensible to seek to support these providers, given the market shaping duties under the Care Act.</p>

<p>Consultation with relevant Cabinet Member (s) – please note this is obligatory.</p>	<p><u>Approval of ODR by Cabinet Member 25/06/2020</u> Consultation with Cllr Wharmby on decision 27/05/2020. Consultation with Cllr Wharmby at Cabinet Member Committee <u>11/06/2020 ,25/06/2020, 9/07/2020, 24/07/2020 and 6/8/2020 , 3/09/2020, 17/09/2020, 1/10/2020, 15/10/2020, 12/11/2020, 26/11/2020, 10/12/2020, 21/12/2020, 7/01/2021, 21/01/2021, 18/2/2021, 3/03/2021, 18/03/2021, 1/04/2021, 15/04/2021, 29/04/2021</u></p>
<p>Decision:</p>	<p>Agreed by CMT 22/05/2020.</p> <p>Review by SMT 4/06/2020, 18/06/2020 and 2/07/2020: Due to the lack of day and residential short breaks being available to shared lives carers, individuals are in effect being asked to provide unpaid care for 3 days per week 9 to 5 plus and this needs to be recognised formally via additional payments.</p> <p>Officers are liaising with carers who may be returning to work to consider if any additional support needs to be put in place instead of providing this payment and for full time carers we are seeking to liaise with them in terms of accessing respite provision if required. It is proposed that this arrangement continues.</p> <p>Review by SMT 16/07/2020: Following ongoing work by officers the current position is that the additional payments to Shared Lives carers need to remain in place for a further period. Payments to full time Shared Lives carers will continue at £40 per week and short break and day support Shared Lives carer will continue to receive the amount they ordinarily earn. These arrangements remain subject to fortnightly review by Senior Managers to ensure they are appropriate. Shared Lives Carers have stepped up and taken on additional responsibilities to support people at home whilst day centre provision has been closed and these payments recognise those additional responsibilities. As noted in the section above day centre provision continues to remain closed, with only limited respite provision in place due to</p>

	<p>ongoing requirements in relation to social distancing which means that day centres cannot operate at fully capacity.</p> <p>Officers are liaising with carers who may be returning to work to consider if any additional support needs to be put in place instead of providing this payment and for full time carers we are seeking to liaise with them in terms of accessing respite provision if required.</p> <p>Review by SMT 30/07/2020: Following ongoing work by officers the current position is that the additional payments to Shared Lives carers need to remain in place for a further period. Payments to full time Shared Lives carers will continue at £40 per week and short break and day support Shared Lives carer will continue to receive the amount they ordinarily earn. Officers are liaising with carers who may be returning to work to consider if any additional support needs to be put in place instead of providing this payment and for full time carers we are seeking to liaise with them in terms of accessing respite provision if required.</p> <p>Review by SMT 12/8/2020: The latest review on 12 August 2020 notes following ongoing work by officers the current position is that the additional payments to Shared Lives carers need to remain in place for a further period. Payments to full time Shared Lives carers will continue at £40 per week and short break and day support Shared Lives carer will continue to receive the amount they ordinarily earn. Officers are liaising with carers who may be returning to work to consider if any additional support needs to be put in place instead of providing this payment and for full time carers we are seeking to liaise with them in terms of accessing respite provision if required.</p> <p>Review by SMT on week beginning 24 August 2020 notes that following ongoing work by officers the current position is that the additional payments to Shared Lives carers need to remain in place for a further period. Payments to full time Shared Lives carers will continue at £40 per week</p>
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Signature and Date: Helen Jones 22/05/2020	

