

Contract for the provision of an Adult Carers and Young Carers Advice and Support Service

REPORT TO; Richard Webb in consultation with Stuart Carlton and HAS Exec Members

DECISION DATE: 13th August 2021

SUPPORTING ANNEX; This report includes a supporting Annex which contains exempt information as described in paragraphs 1, 3 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Authority carry out an open procurement procedure combining the Adult Carers and Young Carers support service into one contractual mechanism.

BACKGROUND TO SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION

There are currently eight contractual arrangements supporting Young Carers and Adult Carers across North Yorkshire. The contract's overall purpose is to offer carers valuable assistance, enabling carers to seek advice, support and access assessments that are of benefit to them whilst signposting carers to relevant support services throughout North Yorkshire.

Due to the volume of contractual mechanisms, contract management can be difficult and the need to ensure that young carers can transition to adult carers seamlessly is vitally important. It is being proposed to combine the Adult carers and Young Carers contract into one contractual mechanism to ensure a consistent approach across the councils carers support. This could be delivered in the form of a single provider/consortia operating in all areas of North Yorkshire or for different providers/consortia delivering on a locality footprint.

The contracts offer support across the following localities:

- Hambleton & Richmond
- Scarborough & Ryedale
- Harrogate & Craven
- Selby

LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE COMPLIANCE

The contract will be procured in line with the Public Contract Regulations 2015.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended to carry out an open procurement for Adult Carers and Young Carers support service.