

West Berkshire District Council

Individual Executive Member

Decision Record Sheet



Forward Plan Reference	Service Grouping
ID3948	People
Title:	Amended Residential and Nursing Care Placements for Older People Policy
Recommendation by Officer:	That the clarification regarding funding decisions for residential and nursing placements and the additional flowchart is accepted.
Purpose of Recommendation:	To agree the updates to West Berkshire's Residential and Nursing Placement Policy.
Decision Taken:	<p>As 'Recommendation by Officer' above, subject to the inclusion of the following amendments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Paragraph 1.1 insert the word 'principally' after 'nursing home placements'; 2. Paragraph 1.3 insert the word 'principally' before the word 'relates'. 3. Paragraph 2.8 insert the following at the start of the sentence 'Subject to the provisions of Paragraph 2.6, a person....'; 4. After the words 'options method noted above' in Paragraph 5.2 add in (see Paragraph 4.4); 5. At the end of Paragraph 5.3 insert (see Section 6 below).; 6. In the heading relating to Section 6 add the words (Top-Ups) at the end of the heading 7. In the flowchart insert the words (Placement, Value of Personal Budget, etc) after the word decision in the final box.
Reason for Decision Taken:	Additional amendments to take into consideration comments made during the consultation from Members and a resident.
Options Considered:	<p>Not making the clarification to policy.</p> <p>Not to address the comments received.</p>
Those Consulted and a Summary of Comments Received:	<p>Members:</p> <p>Leader of Council:</p>

Councillor Lynne Doherty – no comments received.

**Overview & Scrutiny Management Commission
Chairman:**

Councillor Alan Law – no comments received

Ward Members:

All Members – none received.

Opposition Spokesperson:

Councillor Alan Macro raised the following matters:

“The stated aim of this paper is to “ensure that staff are clear regarding the process of requesting funding for residential and nursing placements. Our complaints team suggested that our process for funding requests is made more easily understandable...” However. I find the proposals difficult to understand. In particular:

- In section 2.8 it says that “a person can also choose to be placed in a setting which is outside of the LA’s area and the LA must still arrange for this” whereas in section 3.3 it says “WBC will prioritise use of its own in-house services (residential and nursing) in order to manage resources effectively”. Without any qualification, these two statements seem potentially contradictory. (*see amendment 3*)
- In section 5.2 it says “in cases where a placement or care provision is more than the cost that WBC would usually pay for residential or nursing care then the options method noted above needs to be in place prior to a case being presented to GPF”. It is not clear which options are being referred to. (*see amendment 4*)
- Section 5.3 would be clearer if it referred specifically to section 6. (*see amendment 5*)
- Section 6 should refer to the policy on third party top ups (*see amendment 6*)

The flowchart in appendix 1 would be more useful if it included the decisions that have to be made.” (*see amendment 7*)

Local Stakeholders:

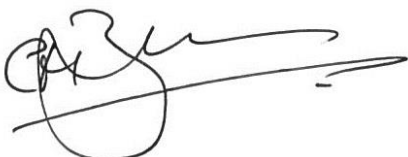

A local resident Paula Saunderson (a member of an Independent group of At Home Dementia Carers) who raised the following queries:

1. In October 2020 the State Pension Age for Men & Women raises to 66 so looking at provision for the over 65s would seem to need changing to over 66, especially with Income discussions being a key part of the ASC Service. It would be much simpler for us as end users if your policies were aligned with new

	<p>SPA. Is this something you would consider please? (see amendments 1 and 2)</p> <p>2. It is difficult to establish where and how the policy is changing or being clarified, and whether this means terms and conditions are less or more advantageous than previous policy? The accompanying form (the usual one) in the Agenda Pack just states there were complaints about confusion and not which areas were confusing. Would you be able either highlight the changes in the new document or provide a summary of the clarifications, please? <i>(Copies of the original and revised documents provided to Ms Saunderson)</i></p> <p>Officers Consulted: Any comments that are received will be reported when the ID is signed. None received</p> <p>Trade Union: Any comments that are received will be reported when the ID is signed. None received</p>
Background Papers:	None
Exempt Information:	n/a
Declarations of Interest:	None

I confirm that I have been fully advised and have taken account of all the relevant facts in making this decision.

Is the Decision subject to Call In		Date Decision Made	Date Decision will be Implemented (5 clear days)
Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>	25 August 2020	03 September 2020

Portfolio Member:	 Signed:	Print Name: Councillor Graham Bridgman
Director or representative:	Signed:	Print Name: Mike Harling
Witnessed by:	 on behalf of Service Director: Strategy and Governance	Print Name: Moira Fraser

Date:	25 August 2020
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