

**URGENT DECISION BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE UNDER ANNEX 3
PARAGRAPH 3.2(a)**

Consultation and Decision

Subject: Allied Healthcare – Contingency Arrangements

John Wood

Portfolio holder: Colette Wyatt-Lowe

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1. Proposed Decision

1.1 To terminate Allied Healthcare contracts with the County Council and allocate the packages of care to either the Council's other 'lead' or spot providers, or the newly formed Herts @ Home, the Council Local Authority Trading Company. The allocation of care packages, and approximate monthly cost is laid out below:

Provider	Area	Selection criteria	Approximate monthly spend (based on Sept 2018 hours)
CBU	Specialist Care at Home & Early Supported Discharge	Lead Provider who are already supplying enablement care in the same Lot area	£39,791
Alina	Stevenage & Knebworth	Lead Provider in Stevenage	£24,077
Abbots	Three Rivers	Lead Provider with a large spot contract presence in this area	£44,561
CBU	Hertsmere	Lead Provider with a large spot contract presence in this area	£26,999
Abbots	St Albans	Lead Provider with a large spot contract presence in this area	£46,200
Helpers	Hitchin	Large spot contract presence in this area	£22,100
Anchusa	Hitchin	Large spot contract presence in this area	£22,100
Herts @Home	Letchworth & Flexicare	Council bowned traded company who are already being established to provide flexi-care in this area	£156,263
Helpers	Baldock	Large spot contract presence in this area	£11,587

2. Reasons for the decision

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2.1 To ensure continuity of care for service-users receiving care from Allied Healthcare and their subsidiaries.

3. Reason(s) the decision could not wait until the next meeting of Cabinet

3.1 The Council was advised by the Care Quality Commission under Section 56 of the Care Act to activate all contingency plans in the event that Allied Healthcare became insolvent at the end of November 2018. Given this uncertainty, Council officers need to be in a position to reallocate Allied contracts to other providers to ensure continuity of care for service users if this should prove necessary.

4. Consultation with Leader and relevant Executive Member

Comments of Leader

I agree 
Signed 
David Williams, Leader of the Council

Comments of the Executive Member

None.

I agree with the proposed decision set out above


Signed
Colette Wyatt-Lowe, Executive Member

Decision

5. I am satisfied that this matter is urgent and following consultation with and the concurrence of the Leader of the Council, David Williams and the Executive Member, Colette Wyatt-Lowe I hereby make the following decision:

Signed: .. 
Iain MacBeath, Director of Adult Care Date: 20/12/18