

**ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
NEIGHBOURHOODS & ADULT SERVICES**

Briefing Note to Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care

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Proposed Relocation of Green Lane Visual Impairment Service

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Background

The Green Lane Visual Impairment Rehab Service has operated since 1991 from a building at the rear of Ackroyd House. The building is leased to the Local Authority and is limited in its design and compliance with DDA requirements. Based on these facts it is therefore difficult to effectively deliver a rehabilitation service to customers with a visual impairment.

Proposal

The Rotherham Intermediate Care Centre has recently completed phase two of its refurbishment. Works completed include a new roof to the building and a redesign of the physical space within the building, which now provides opportunities for other services to be provided on site without affecting the existing service.

Given the overlap between these two services in that they are both rehab based it is proposed to relocate the Green Lane Visual Impairment Rehab Service to this worksite as soon as is possible.

Subject to agreement from Health Partners, it is proposed to relocate this service as soon as is practically possible. Confirmation of dates will be provided to the Cabinet Member upon confirmation from Health

Practical Considerations

To facilitate this transfer agreement is currently being sought from Health Colleagues on this proposal. If agreement can be reached, the following actions will be required:

- Three months notice will need to be served to the current property owner to terminate the lease agreement at Ackroyd House.
- Negotiations with our Health colleague's facilities management team will need to commence to determine what if any rental would need to be paid. However, given that a rehab service will be delivered on site this could be proposed on a peppercorn basis i.e. nominal amount of £1 a year.

- A time specific action plan would need to be put in place to ensure that a smooth transition of the service to this worksite is achieved.
- A room booking system will need to be developed on site to ensure the effective use of rooms and facilitate multiple use
- Staff relocated to this worksite (two currently but with a budget for three) could be supervised by the existing Team Leader responsible for the existing rehab service.

Financial Considerations

If agreed facilitating this transfer will provide efficiencies to the Local Authority. Full year savings would equate to approximately £34,000 in procurement costs as a result of any Co-Location of Services.

Any remedial dilapidation works to the Green Lane site as part of the tenancy agreements could potentially be met from Capital Monies. This will minimise the impact on the current revenue budget allocation and ensure any efficiency savings are maximised.

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