

Minute

Orkney Health and Care Committee

Thursday, 15 November 2018, 14:15.

Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall.



Present

Councillors Rachael A King, Kevin F Woodbridge, David Dawson, J Harvey Johnston, W Leslie Manson, John T Richards and Stephen Sankey.

Councillors Robin W Crichton and John A R Scott, who had been invited for Item 5.

Clerk

- Hazel Flett, Senior Committees Officer.

In Attendance

- Lynda Bradford, Acting Head of Health and Community Care.
- Maureen Firth, Head of Primary Care Services.
- Scott Hunter, Head of Children and Families and Criminal Justice and Chief Social Work Officer.
- Maureen Swannie, Interim Head of Children's Health Services and Service Manager, Children's Services.
- Pat Robinson, Chief Finance Officer.
- Katharine McKerrell, Solicitor.

Observing

- Luke Fraser, Team Leader (Policy and Planning).
- David Hartley, Communications Team Leader.
- Craig Walker, Senior HR Adviser.
- Andrew Hamilton, Performance and Best Value Officer (for Items 1 and 2).

Apologies

- Councillor Stephen G Clackson.
- Councillor James W Stockan.

Declarations of Interest

- No declarations of interest were intimated.

Chair

- Councillor Rachael A King.

1. Revenue Expenditure Monitoring

After consideration of a joint report by the Chief Officer/Executive Director, Orkney Health and Care and the Head of Finance, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Chief Finance Officer, the Committee:

Noted:

1.1. The revenue financial summary statement in respect of Orkney Health and Care for the period 1 April to 30 September 2018, attached as Annex 1 to the joint report by the Chief Officer/Executive Director, Orkney Health and Care and the Head of Finance, indicating an underspend position of £10,200.

1.2. The revenue financial detail by Service Area statement in respect of Orkney Health and Care for the period 1 April to 30 September 2018, attached as Annex 2 to the joint report by the Chief Officer/Executive Director, Orkney Health and Care and the Head of Finance.

1.3. The explanations given and actions proposed in respect of significant budget variances, as outlined in the Budget Action Plan, attached as Annex 3 to the joint report by the Chief Officer/Executive Director, Orkney Health and Care and the Head of Finance.

2. Performance Monitoring

After consideration of a report by the Chief Officer/Executive Director, Orkney Health and Care, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Head of Children and Families and Criminal Justice and Chief Social Work Officer, the Committee:

Noted the performance of Orkney Health and Care for the reporting period 1 April to 30 September 2018, as set out in sections 3 to 5 and Annexes 1 and 2 of the report by the Chief Officer/Executive Director, Orkney Health and Care.

3. Corporate Parenting

After consideration of a report by the Chief Officer/Executive Director, Orkney Health and Care, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Interim Head of Children's Health Services and Service Manager, Children's Services, the Committee:

Noted:

3.1. Progress in relation to meeting statutory Corporate Parenting duties, as outlined in section 3.4 of the report by the Chief Officer/Executive Director, Orkney Health and Care.

3.2. The NHS Orkney Corporate Parenting Plan, attached as Appendix 1 to the report by the Chief Officer/Executive Director, Orkney Health and Care, which contained many actions that fell under the responsibility of services within Orkney Health and Care.

3.3. That, in response to a request from Scottish Government on how health boards and local authorities were meeting their corporate parenting responsibilities, NHS Orkney and the Council had clarified the ambition to have one overarching plan for Orkney.

3.4. The proposal to establish a Corporate Parenting Board, comprising elected members and senior officers from across the community planning partnership, which would assume responsibility for the following:

- Ensuring scrutiny of performance in matters affecting looked after children and care leavers.
- Improving outcomes and responding to the views of looked after children and care leavers in matters affecting them.
- Production of an annual report for the Orkney Partnership Board.

The Committee resolved to **recommend to the Council**:

3.5. That establishment of a Corporate Parenting Board, reporting through the Orkney Partnership, be supported.

4. Extraordinary Packages of Care

After consideration of a report by the Chief Officer/Executive Director, Orkney Health and Care, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Head of Children and Families and Criminal Justice and Chief Social Work Officer, the Committee:

Noted:

4.1. That, on 27 September 2018, the Monitoring and Audit Committee considered an internal audit on the governance processes surrounding out of Orkney placements which noted that the processes and procedures in relation to out of Orkney packages of care provided reasonable assurance that they were adequately controlled and managed.

4.2. That, while the audit identified areas of good practice, it also identified governance issues surrounding Extraordinary Packages of Care.

4.3. The proposed governance process and procedure in relation to Extraordinary Packages of Care, attached as Appendix 1 to the report by the Chief Officer/Executive Director, Orkney Health and Care, which had been developed in order to address the audit action point referred to at paragraph 4.2 above.

The Committee resolved to **recommend to the Council**:

4.4. That the governance process and procedure in relation to Extraordinary Packages of Care, attached as Appendix 1 to this Minute, be approved.

5. Overnight Community Support Services

After consideration of a report by the Chief Officer/Executive Director, Orkney Health and Care, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Acting Head of Health and Community Care, the Committee:

Noted:

5.1. The health, social work and social care services currently available overnight on mainland Orkney that supported individuals in their own homes, as detailed in section 4 of the report by the Chief Officer/Executive Director, Orkney Health and Care.

5.2. That the support services were available to an individual following a community care assessment.

6. Conclusion of Meeting

At 15:30 the Chair declared the meeting concluded.

Signed:



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Extraordinary Packages of Care

Introduction

This procedure applies to all Orkney Health and Care Staff and applies equally to children and adult services. Extraordinary packages of care (EPOC) are required where complex needs are professionally assessed, and these needs cannot be met from existing resources within Orkney.

This document provides guidance on the process to be followed to access EPOC and the governance attached to these processes.

1. Procedure

1.1. Identification of EPOC Cases

Existing policies and procedures provide guidance for assessment and care or support planning, and guidance supports staff to design innovative and personalised packages to meet a range of needs and outcomes, making use of both targeted and universal services. This procedure applies only where the following criteria are met:

- The individual's support, education and/or care needs cannot be met through standard or personalised delivery of existing provided or commissioned services, or existing services that can be arranged under any of the four available options set out in the Social Care (Self Directed Support) (Scotland) Act 2013 and;
- To meet assessed need, local services require to be redesigned, enhanced or new services commissioned.
- Costs of personalised delivery of existing services cannot be met from within the existing service or would significantly impact on the service budget to the detriment of other service users.

The overarching OHAC principle is that services will be provided in Orkney as far as possible, and that creativity will be applied to how local services are developed and delivered to support this. However, it is recognised that at times it will be not possible, or appropriate to do so, and in these situations the assessment and subsequent rationale is clear and understood at all stages of the decision-making process.

2. Decision Making

2.1. Integrated Assessment

Children and adults who may need an EPOC will usually already have support services in place, and a Lead Professional identified to co-ordinate planning and reviewing.

A current, comprehensive, integrated assessment incorporating input from all agencies is always required before provision of an EPOC can be considered.

The assessment must, wherever possible, be in line with usual practice, represent the views of the child, young person or adult themselves, and those of parents and/or carers/legal guardians. The legal basis for the provision of any services must also be made clear in the assessment.

A care or support plan detailing how outcomes are to be achieved through use of existing services must be created / updated following assessment or review. Where the assessment or care planning forum concludes that the criteria for an EPOC are met or are likely to be met in the foreseeable future, the Lead Professional for the case must alert the relevant service manager within 7 days. The relevant Service Manager is then responsible for satisfying themselves that the request is competent and subsequently for securing approval from the Head of Service to commence the options appraisal process.

2.2. Options Appraisal Process

The Options Appraisal, should be completed by the Lead Professional in the case, with the support of their line manager, and should take account of the views and recommendations of other relevant professionals. The principles of involving the child or adult, parents, carers/legal guardians and relevant others in assessment and support/care planning processes must also govern the drafting of an options appraisal. It will usually be expected that they will have participated as fully as possible in consideration of the options and their views must be explicitly recorded.

The Options Appraisal should be set out in the template provided in Appendix 1 and should cover the following key points:

- The risk assessment associated with pursuing a range of options including maintaining the status quo, enhanced local services, commissioned local service, commissioned out of Orkney service.
- The outcomes the options that are put forward aim to achieve.
- Indicative costs of the options. These should be developed in discussion with the relevant Finance Officer and the Procurement Manager and recorded on the template as indicated.
- Where any proposed course of action requires or leads to a change in the legal status of the case, what that change is and why it would be necessary.
- Where out of authority placements are being considered, what resources would be required to deliver this service locally. (Out of authority is defined as any

service provided by any agency other than Orkney Health and Care regardless of location).

- The contingency plan in the event that the preferred option cannot be progressed for any reason.

The options appraisal must be signed off by the relevant line manager and service manager prior to the options appraisal meeting.

2.3. Options Appraisal Meeting

All those attending the options appraisal meeting should be provided with copies of the integrated assessment, the most recent care plan and the options appraisal at least five working days in advance.

The options appraisal meeting will be chaired by a Service Manager and attended by:

- Any relevant Service Managers.
- Principal Social Worker from the relevant service.
- Principal Educational Psychologist where appropriate.
- The Lead Professional in the case.
- The Procurement Manager.
- IJB Finance Officer.
- OIC Finance Officer.
- Other staff or agencies as necessary.

The purpose of the Options Appraisal meeting is to:

- Review the assessment and progress against outcomes.
- Provide assurance that all local possibilities have been explored by all partner agencies as both single agencies and together as a partnership.
- Fully explore the potential of existing services to meet the desired outcomes if additional resourcing was available.
- Fully explore the implications of all the proposed options and consider whether there may be further alternatives.
- Agree a recommendation for consideration by the Allocation of Resources Committee (ARC). Where there are differences of view and a recommendation cannot be agreed, a majority recommendation should be provided with notes of dissent.

The meeting must be formally recorded. The role of recording the meeting will normally sit with the administrative support to the relevant service, in line with procedures for case conference recording.

At the end of the Options Appraisal meeting, if the recommendation is to support an EPOC, the relevant Service Manager will ask for the case to be included for consideration at the next ARC meeting via the directorate secretary.

The ARC meeting is the decision-making forum for recommending approval or rejection of packages prior to submission to the head of service or chief officer for final decision as per Orkney Island's Council framework for delegated authority. In all cases the IJB Chief Financial Officer and OIC Head of Finance will be involved to ensure financial oversight and to consider when application to the OIC Chief Executive may be required to exercise emergency powers.

2.4. Emergency Placements

Placements may arise outwith the procedure in the following ways, all of which are of a statutory nature:

- An emergency placement for a child formally authorised in line with legislation by the Chief Social Work Officer.
- A placement decision made by a Children's Hearing.
- A placement decision made by the Court.
- An emergency placement decision made in relation to adult care in order to safeguard an individual from risk.
- An emergency placement decision made in the event of service failure of an existing placement.

In all such cases the welfare of the individual will be paramount and will be based on assessed risk to the individual and/or wider community. In such circumstances the Council's Scheme of Delegation to Officers states that the Chief Social Work Officer should "take final decisions on behalf of the local authority in relation to a range of social work matters, including adoption, secure accommodation, guardianship and other statutory decisions required from time to time". Such cases will be considered as part of the annual governance around EPOC outlined below.

2.5. Governance of Extraordinary Packages of Care

The Chief Social Work Officer will provide an annual report to the Orkney Health and Care Committee, the Education, Leisure and Housing Committee and the Orkney Integration Joint Board. The purpose of this report is to allow the Committees and the Board to:

- Undertake a scrutiny and governance function in relation to extraordinary packages of care.
- Ensure that best value principles are adhered to and evidenced.
- Assure the corporate bodies that appropriate mechanisms to meet extraordinary care needs are functioning appropriately.

2.6. EPOC Annual Report

In order to respect the confidentiality of individuals being discussed, the EPOC report will give anonymised information unless there is a specific reason for not doing so. In order to avoid confusion case reference numbers from the "PARIS" case recording system will be used to identify individual cases. Anonymisation will be undertaken by the directorate administrative support to the Chief Social Work Officer.

The report shall consist of standing reportable items in relation to:

- Quantitative Data:
 - Number of new EPOCs in the reporting period.
 - Number of ongoing EPOCs in the reporting period.
 - Number of EPOCs that have ended in the reporting period.
 - Number of new EPOCs anticipated in the year ahead.
 - Number of ongoing EPOCs anticipated in the year ahead.
 - Number of EPOCs anticipated to end in the year ahead.
- Quality Assurance:
 - Performance of commissioning process.
 - Performance of statutory review processes.
 - Evidence of best value processes.
- Financial Context:
 - Anticipated spend for the reporting period.
 - Actual spend for the reporting period and any variance notes.
 - Anticipated spend for the year ahead.

2.7. Quality Assurance, Monitoring and Review Outside of EPOC Processes

Quality Assurance, Monitoring and Review arrangements are included in all Service Level Agreements with external providers, and should follow established procedures for provided services.

Outside of the EPOC process, cases with EPOC will be subject to statutory care planning processes where the outcomes identified for individuals will be reported on and changes made to reflect assessed need and risk.



Options Appraisal Template:
Extraordinary Packages of Care

To complete this appraisal please ensure you have the following information to hand:

- Copies of Statutory Orders
- Most recent reports
- Most recent criminology report (if applicable)
- Any current financial costs
- Any proposed financial costings

Service User		Paris	
Current Legal Status			
Lead Professional			
Professional Supervisor			
Assessment Complete		Date	
EPOC Criteria Met		Date	
Heads of Service Advised		Date	
IJB Chief Finance Officer		Date	
Service Manager Advised		Date	
Option Appraisal Complete		Date	
Approved by Service Manager		Date	
Appraisal Meeting		Date	
ARC Decision		Date	
OIC Head of Finance Advised		Date	

Option 1: Recommend to continue Current Service Provision		
State current provision		
Assessment of Risk Associated with this Option including contingency planning.		
Is a change in legal status required or likely as a result of this proposal?	YES	NO
Estimated Costs		
Finance Comments		

Option 2: Enhance Current Service Provision		
<i>What could be done better?</i> <i>What is the current provider's capacity to provide this?</i>		
Assessment of Risk Associated with this Option		
Is a change in legal status required or likely as a result of this proposal?	YES	NO
Estimated Costs		
Finance Comments		

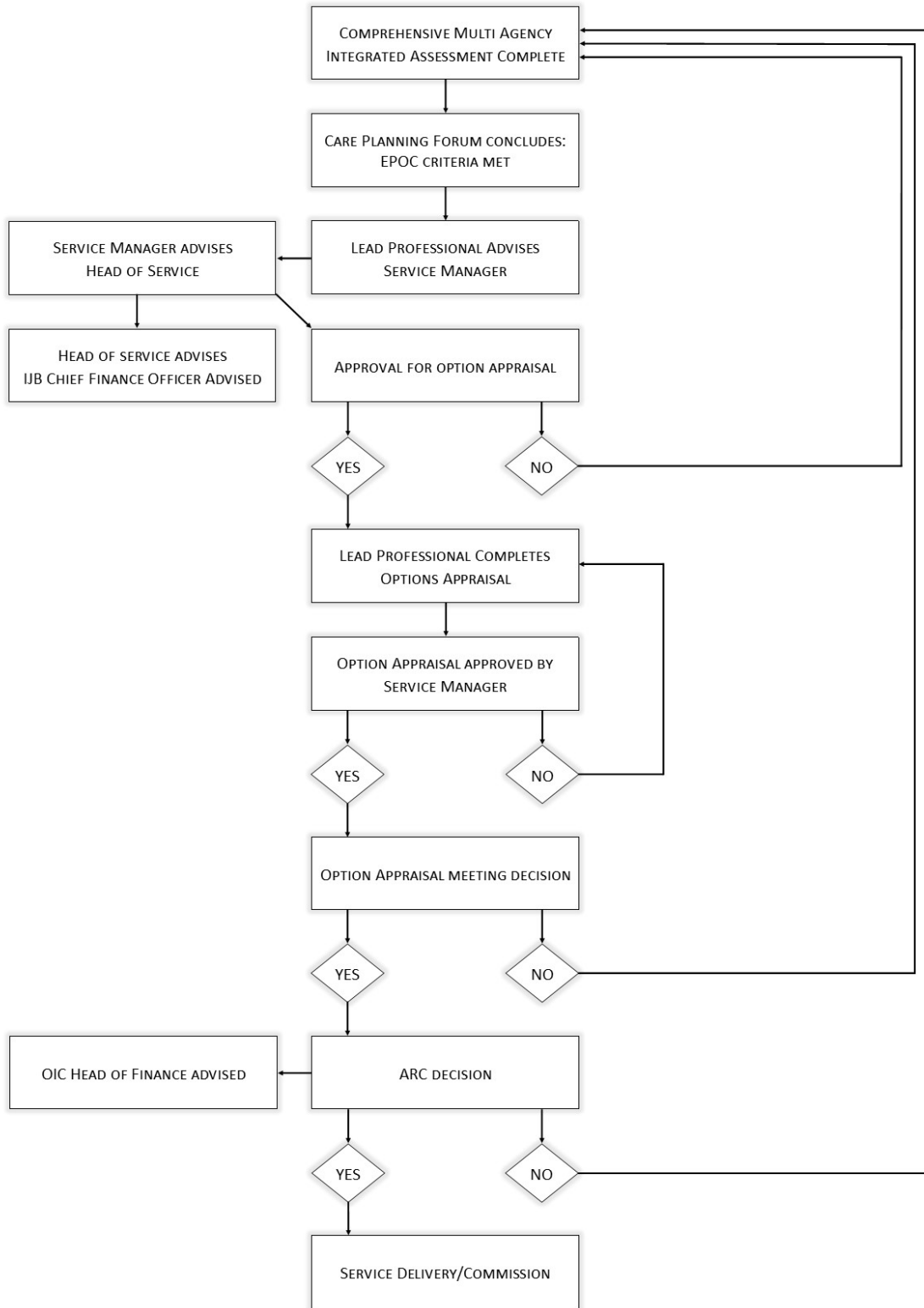
Option 3: Commission New Services in Orkney		
<i>What could be done better that cannot be provided by current services?</i>		
Assessment of Risk Associated with this Option		
Is a change in legal status required or likely as a result of this proposal?	YES	NO
Estimated Costs		
Finance Comments		

Option 4 Commission New Services Out of Orkney		
Describe the benefits from placing in services away from Orkney		
Assessment of Risk Associated with this Option		
Is a change in legal status required or likely as a result of this proposal?	YES	NO
Estimated Costs		
Finance Comments		

Recommendation of Lead Professional of the Preferred/Proposed Option	

Options Appraisal	
Lead Professional	
Date Completed	
Professional Supervisor	
Date Signed Off	
Date of Meeting	
Decision from Meeting	
Recommendations or Comments	
Review Date (if applicable)	

EPOC Flow Diagram



Note – estimating costs should be done in discussion with the finance officer and procurement officer if applicable. In addition, if the enhancement of a local service is likely to include the establishment of a new team, or significant extension to current staffing in a team, costs related to the provision of any additional management and supervisory input, and training and any other set up fees must be included as far as they can be ascertained, from the outset.