



Response to Request for Information

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Commissioning for All Age Disability

Request:

1. **What was the procurement process by which MacIntyre were selected to act as our advocates ?**

The All Age Disability Commissioning Service followed the Councils procurement guidelines which state that for orders with a value of less than £10,000 a single quote is required. The Commissioning team approached two providers to obtain these quotes and Macintyre were selected.

2. **Will MacIntyre Charity be excluded from tendering for services at Duke Street should external provision be the preferred option for Duke Street ?**

Commissioners have confirmed that no exclusion clause was agreed with Macintyre when they were commissioned to carry out the independent advocacy on behalf of the residents. Macintyre agreed not to consider a tender if this was chosen. Our understanding is that during the consultation process Macintyre took the decision to withdraw from the consultation. If the option to look at an alternative provider were taken Macintyre would now not be invited to tender.

3. **In light of our concerns, we assume that it would be appropriate for us to choose our own independent advocacy (we would be using an organisation that provides advocacy only as a service)?**

For clarification do you intend the suggested use of your own independent advocate to take place before or after the consultation date? Or do you intend for it to be used instead of Macintyre? This will need to be agreed with Duke Street so please let me have your thoughts

4. **The estimated total saving by providing the service by the alternative means outlined in the consultations.**

As the consultation was based on looking at future service delivery options no savings were attributed to the individual options being presented. However the All Age Disability provider does have an overall savings target of £3.2million to make between now and the end financial year ending March 2017. To this end

an indicative savings figure has been applied to all services to enable to frame the requirements in each area of the review. This figure is not set in stone as the requirement is to make the overall saving rather than individual service targets .

5. The financial year's over which the council needs to make this saving

2015/16 and 2016/17.

6. How will this contribute to the £123 million savings that the council needs to make.

The review of all external and internal adult social services was agreed as a part of the Councils requirement to meet the projected £123 million budget challenge over period 2014/15 to 2018/19. As a result each Directorate are required to look at all elements of their business to ensure that we are legally obliged to provide the service and best value is being achieved. As we have stated throughout the consultation a best value review also includes quality and performance matters alongside any financial value.