

Reference: AF1048029

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About the consultation

What is the consultation title?*

Utilising Block Residential Care Contracts - to Facilitate Greater Choice

What is this consultation about?*

Northamptonshire County Council is proposing to expand its existing provision for long term care beds for older people and people with dementia. This is in recognition of the growing demand for Dementia care and Dementia respite care as well as the rising complexity of care within the ageing population.

Part of the challenge for the Council is to consider how best to use its existing contracts and providers to fulfil these needs and ensure that we are getting value for money from our contracted suppliers. Making sure we do this is important as it is normally less cost effective to buy care on an individual basis than it is to secure good quality provision that can meet a range of needs in a higher volume, in what are known as "block contracts". We need to make sure we achieve value for money as this is the only way we can be sure that we have enough resources to meet the needs of the County's population at a time of limited budgets and reduced government funding.

The Council currently has a long standing Public Finance Contract (PFI) with Shaw Healthcare. Shaw is a national provider of healthcare, nursing and residential care and already run a range of homes and centres for the Council. This includes three Specialist Care Centres that currently provide 150 beds for the Council and are used for a range of needs including specialist nursing care, Dementia care, Dementia respite care, rehabilitation and step down care following hospital stays.

However we have found that the beds are not being used as much as the Council would like and that the level of vacant beds suggests that we need to do more of some things and stop providing others. In particulate we need to recognise that we now need facilities for more complex needs than we assumed when we first entered into the contract.

The proposal is therefore that that the beds will be changed to provide more long-term residential and nursing care and more support for dementia patients, including respite care and short stay accommodation. As such they will become our specialist centres that can more effectively meet the complex needs for people living with Dementia, provide support to their families and they can also provide the required specialist nursing care required if people's needs escalate without the need to move them to new care facilities. There are around 7,700 people living with dementia in Northamptonshire and this number is set to grow, so making more beds available for dementia care will help address the rising demand for support.

By increasing the amount of these kinds of beds across the County we can offer greater choice and more specialist support for those effected by dementia. The beds would be available to all but priority would be given to people who are eligible for social care.

The major changes under consideration are for those service users who are deemed eligible for social care funded by the Council and for whom the block contracts will be offered as a first choice in future. As with all

placements this will only be done where the centres can meet the needs of the cared for person including appropriate services, facilities, care levels and wider health and wellbeing standards required by the council.

The Council is wishing to seek the views of all interested parties in its proposal presented to its Cabinet meeting in November 2016.

Consultation dates

Start date* 21 Dec 2016

End date* 01 Feb 2017

Results expected by? Please leave a reasonable amount of time after your consultation has concluded.* 15 Feb 2017

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What is the subject of the consultation?*

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- Energy
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- Evaluation
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- Freedom of Information
- Gambling and Lottery
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- Governors

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- Neighbourhood Renewal
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- Older People
- Parking
- Parks
- Parliament
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- Partnerships
- Pavements
- Physical Disability
- Planning
- Police
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- Pollution
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- Premises
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- Privacy and Data Protection
- Procurement
- Promotion
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- Protection
- Public Consultation
- Public Funding
- Public Rights of Way
- Public Safety
- Public Transport
- Publications
- Quakers
- Quarrying
- Rail
- Rates
- Records
- Recreation
- Recruitment
- Recycling
- Regeneration
- Registration

- Regulation
- Rescue Services
- Reservoirs
- Residents survey
- Retail
- Roads and Highways
- Rubbish and Waste
- Rural Communities
- Salvation Army
- Schools
- School Admissions
- Scrap Metal
- Secondary
- Secular Societies
- Self Employment
- Sensory Impairment
- Service planners or deliverers
- Services
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- Shops
- Social Clubs
- Social Inclusion
- Social Policy
- Sports
- Stakeholders
- Standards
- Stations
- Strategic framework
- Street Trading
- Sustainability
- Taxi and Minicab
- Teaching
- Tourism
- Town Centre
- Trade
- Trading Standards
- Training

- Transport
- Travel
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Area

What area of the county does this consultation affect?*

- Corby
- Daventry
- East Northamptonshire
- Kettering
- Northampton
- Northamptonshire Countywide
- South Northamptonshire
- Wellingborough

How can I take part? How can people engage? Please add any links to previous consultations and relevant consultation documents*

You can give us your views by emailing epit@northamptonshire.gov.uk with your comments.

Alternatively you can write to us at the below address:

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The consultation findings will be considered and presented to Councillors at a meeting of its Cabinet in early 2017.

Who can I talk to about this consultation?

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