

Report on	Northern Health and Social Care Trust – Consultation on ‘How we propose to purchase domiciliary care provided by non-statutory providers’
Date of Meeting	11 November 2021
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Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To inform Members of the Northern Health and Social Care Trust Consultation on ‘How we propose to purchase domiciliary care provided by non-statutory providers’ and to seek Members’ approval for Mid Ulster District Council’s Response.
2.0	Background
2.1	The Northern Health and Social Care Trust is consulting on ‘How we propose to purchase domiciliary care provided by non-statutory providers’. A workshop to seek Members’ views was held on Tuesday, 19 October 2021. A draft response has been prepared for Members’ consideration and approval prior to the submission closing date of 29 November 2021.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	A draft Consultation Response has been prepared for Members’ consideration. A consultation session was held for Members on 19 October 2021.
3.2	<p>The Consultation document sets out proposals for a new way of purchasing domiciliary care services from non-statutory providers to ensure that services are provided equitably, sustainably and meet the growing needs of the population.</p> <p>The draft response asks five questions as follows.</p> <p>Question 1: Do you agree with the reasons and the need for change outlined in the document?</p> <p>Question 2: Do you agree with the Trust’s proposed model for purchasing services from non-statutory providers?</p>

3.3	<p>Proposed Model 2: Cost/volume contract</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *A contract with providers for a guaranteed level of care hours (block) *The remaining percentage of care hours would be purchased using a spot purchasing arrangement from the contracted Provider *Contracted providers must accept all referrals both guaranteed and spot purchase <p>Question 3: Do you agree with the creation of geographical areas or lots within the Trust area?</p> <p>Question 4: An outcome of initial equality screening considerations is available on the Trust website. Do you agree with the outcome of this screening?</p> <p>Question 5: The Rural Needs Act NI - Do you have any evidence to suggest that the proposal within this document would create an adverse differential impact?</p> <p>General Comments: Please provide any other comments</p> <p>The draft response includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns about change to the Northern Trust’s current service model which has a good balance between the % of statutory provision and non-statutory provision • Difficulties in accessing domiciliary care packages in the first instance • Non Statutory providers and risk to service delivery – ability to meet contract requirements, consistency of service provision, workforce shortages, lower salaries, poorer terms and conditions • Continuity in service delivery during the transition from short term domiciliary care to long term care • The importance of good communication between carer and service user • The creation of geographical ‘lots’ within the Trust area • Equality and Rural Needs • Alternative models of delivery eg social economy • Quality, standards, monitoring and review
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p><u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u></p> <p>Financial: None</p> <p>Human: None</p>
4.2	<p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>None</p>
4.3	<p><u>Risk Management Implications</u></p> <p>None</p>

5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	To approve the draft Response to the Northern Health and Social Care Trust Consultation on 'How we propose to purchase domiciliary care provided by non-statutory providers'.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Draft Mid Ulster District Council Response attached.