



Notice of Contract Variation to:

Schedule 15 – Integrated Quality Assurance Framework

As aligned to the following contractual arrangements:

- Care Homes and Supported Living
- Home Support for Children and Young People with Disabilities and Home Support for Adults
- Quick Discharge and Quick Intervention Services for Home Support for Adults
- Sensory Loss for Home Support
- Home Support for Adults in Prison at HMP Birmingham

CONTRACT VARIATION

Dated this the 28th of November 2024

Variation to the Flexible Contracting Arrangements and Framework Agreements between:

1. **BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL** of the Council House, Victoria Square, Birmingham B1 1BB (“**the Council**”)

and

2. **Providers signed up to the Flexible Contracting Arrangements and Framework Agreements, Company details and address (as per original contract unless changed)** (“**the Service Provider**”)

WHEREAS

- A. On various dates, the Council established contracts relating to the provision of Care Homes With and Without Nursing services, Care and Support (Supported Living) and Home Support.
- B. The Council and the Provider now wish to amend the Agreements in the manner hereinafter appearing.
- C. The changes shall come into effect after 28 days of issue of the notice of Contract Variation (28th day of November 2024) and during this 28-day notice period Service Providers can feedback any concerns to the Council.
- D. The reasons for the Contract Variation and changes to Schedule 15 (as aligned to each contract) is to streamline processes which will benefit both the Council and Providers.

IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

To amend Schedule 15 - Integrated Quality Assurance Framework:

Provider Quality Assurance Statement (PQAS)

From

6.2 The Quality Monitoring Visit Rating will be based upon validation of the Provider Quality Assurance Statement (PQAS) response and will use a QMV Toolkit which sets out the core standards and the range of criteria by which delivery of these standards is measured.

7.1 Providers will be required to submit a Provider Quality Assurance Statement (PQAS) at least annually (except in accordance with clause 12 of this Schedule 15.). The PQAS will represent the Provider's view of their Service and this will assist improvement planning ahead of a quality visit.

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6.2 The Quality Monitoring Visit Rating will be determined further to use of a QMV Toolkit which sets out the core standards and the range of criteria by which delivery of these standards is measured.

7.1 Providers will no longer be required to submit a Provider Quality Assurance Statement (PQAS). The PQAS will no longer be used to represent the Provider's view of their Service, although Providers can continue to complete the PQAS to assist with business development and internal audit arrangements.

Annual/Bi-annual Quality Monitoring Visits

From

4.7 Where a Provider has been rated as Gold, Outstanding or Very Good Assurance, the Service will receive a Quality Monitoring Visit and/or a Healthcare Assurance Level visit on a bi-annual frequency.

6.1 There will be a Quality Monitoring Visit (QMV) for all providers in scope, which will rate Providers against the requirements of this contract on an annual basis (except where a CQC Rating has been published within the last 12 months).

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4.7 Where a Provider has been rated as Gold, Outstanding or Very Good Assurance, the Service will receive a Quality Monitoring Visit and/or a Healthcare Assurance Level visit on an as required basis.

6.1 There will be a Quality Monitoring Visit (QMV) for all providers in scope, which will rate Providers against the requirements of this contract on an as required basis (except where a CQC Rating has been published within the last 12 months).

For the avoidance of doubt, 'on an as required basis' is to be determined by the Council based on its assessment of available data and risk.

Signed on behalf of

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. MacAdams". The signature is written in a cursive style with a distinct flourish at the end.

Name in full

CHRIS MACADAMS

Position

COMMISSIONING MANAGER