

Residential Care for Adults and Older People and Older People with Mental Health Needs

Procurement Board Number PB2023-00924

The agreement has been in place since 1st April 2013 and sets out the Council's requirements for the provision of residential care for adults and older people and older people with mental health needs in Darlington. The agreement will expire on the 31st March 2023.

All CQC registered care homes for older people and older people with mental health needs in Darlington can be included in the Agreement and 19 of the 20 registered care homes in these categories have currently elected to be so.

The home that did not elect to be included did not wish to accept the contract terms. Should this home reconsider its position, it would be able to join the agreement on the same terms as the other providers.

The number of registered beds across the 19 homes that is available to the Council is 891 with current occupancy rates sitting at 85.63%. This includes beds commissioned by other Local Authorities, health funded and privately funded individuals

Procurement and Legal advised a further award without going out to the market has a low risk of a challenge to the process, as all current and any new care homes in Darlington are able to join the agreement. The specification has been reviewed and updated and should any further changes be required, these can be progressed through engagement with providers at any point in the contract term.

Commissioning

1st February 2023