

**OLDER PEOPLE AND ADULT COMMUNITY SERVICES – TERMINATION OF  
UNITINGCARE CONTRACT**

*To:* **HEALTH COMMITTEE**

*Meeting Date:* **10 March 2016**

*From:* **The Monitoring Officer**

*Electoral division(s):* **All**

*Forward Plan ref:* **Not applicable**

*Purpose:* **To provide the Committee with background information relating to the termination of the Older People and Adult Community Services contract with the UnitingCare Partnership**

*Recommendation:* **That the Committee considers the information provided in advance and at the meeting**

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## **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 On 3 December 2015 Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and UnitingCare LLP announced that they were ending their contractual arrangement to deliver urgent care for the over 65s and adult community services.
- 1.2 On 17 December 2015 the Health Committee considered events in the two weeks since the announcement of the end of the contract, and looked at what arrangements had been put in place to ensure that no service user had been disadvantaged. The Committee's intention then was to consider broader issues surrounding the termination of the contract at its next meeting.
- 1.3 On 21 January 2016, the Health Committee considered questions around events when the contract was being established and when it was terminated. Representatives of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust (CPFT), Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS Trust (CCS) and Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (CUHFT) were all questioned about events from their perspective. However, representatives of the regulatory bodies Monitor and NHS England were unable to attend, and sent apologies for the meeting.
- 1.4 Because they had been unable to attend on 21 January, representatives of NHS England and Monitor have been invited to attend on 10 March, and have accepted the invitation. Representatives of CCG, CPFT and CUHFT are also attending, as they may be able to contribute further background information to points raised in the course of the Committee's scrutiny of the contract.

## **2. QUESTIONS IDENTIFIED IN ADVANCE**

- 2.1 Members of the Committee have identified the following questions to be addressed at the meeting on 10 March by representatives of NHS England and Monitor:
  1. Before the contract was finalised,
    - a) why did Monitor and NHS England allow the contract to be signed when there were still 34 questions to be clarified, and
    - b) why did they regard a Limited Liability Partnership as an appropriate form of governance for UnitingCare?
  2. When they became aware of the financial difficulties surrounding the contract in November 2015, what was the rationale for Monitor and NHS England's decision not to provide financial support?

### **3. INFORMATION SUPPLIED IN ADVANCE**

- 3.1 David Dean, Senior Transformation and Turnaround Director at Monitor, is attending the meeting on 10 March, but members of the Provider Appraisal team who led the initial transaction review are unable to attend. Monitor has therefore supplied a letter (attached as Appendix A) in response to the questions raised.
- 3.2 Both the CCG and NHS England have been conducting reviews into the termination of the contract; extracts from the minutes of the Adults, Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Health Committee for the period July 2013 to January 2016 have been supplied to NHS England in response to the invitation to submit contributions to their review. Both reviews are due to report their findings soon, but had not done so at the time the committee agenda was published.

<b>Source Documents</b>	<b>Location</b>
Reports to and minutes of the Health Committee 17 December 2015 and 21 January 2016	<a href="http://www2.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/CommitteeMinutes/Committees/Committee.aspx?committeeID=76">http://www2.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/CommitteeMinutes/Committees/Committee.aspx?committeeID=76</a>