TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING ON FEBRUARY 17, 2016

FROM: SANDRA DATARS BERE
MANAGING DIRECTOR, HOUSING, SOCIAL SERVICES
AND DEARNESS HOME

SUBJECT: 2013-2016 LONG-TERM CARE HOME SERVICE ACCOUNTABILITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF LONDON (DEARNESS HOME) AND THE SOUTH WEST LOCAL HEALTH INTEGRATION NETWORK (LHIN)
DECLARATION OF COMPLIANCE 2015

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Housing, Social Services and Dearness Home, this report to the Licensee of the Dearness Home regarding the Dearness Home Committee of Management direction to execute the Declaration of Compliance under the Long-Term Care Home Service Accountability Agreement for the reporting period of January 1 to December 31, 2015 BE RECEIVED for information.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER

- 2013-2016 Service Accountability Agreement Between the Corporation of the City of London (Dearness Home) and the South West Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) – Declaration of Compliance 2015 (DH Committee of Management, January 27, 2016)
- 2013-2016 Service Accountability Agreement Between the Corporation of the City of London (Dearness Home) and the South West Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) – Declaration of Compliance 2014 (DH Committee of Management, March 25, 2015)
- 2013-2016 Service Accountability Agreement Between the Corporation of the City of London (Dearness Home) and the South West Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) – Declaration of Compliance 2013 (DH Committee of Management, March 27, 2014)
- 2013-2016 Service Accountability Agreement Between the Corporation of the City of London (Dearness Home) and the South West Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) (CPSC - March 18, 2013)
- 2013-2016 Long-Term Care Home Accountability Planning Submission (CPSC - December 3, 2012)

BACKGROUND

Under the Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007, (LTCH) every southern municipality that is an upper or single-tier municipality shall establish and maintain a municipal home. As a result, the Corporation of the City of London has established the Dearness Home and as Licensee, is holder of the license for service provision under the LTCH Act. The Licensee is responsible to ensure every requirement under the Act and Regulation is followed.

The LTCH Act also requires that the council of a municipality maintaining a long-term care home shall appoint from among its members a Committee of Management for the Home. The current Dearness Home Committee of Management was established under By-law No. A.-7204-2 on December 9, 2014 and includes five council members, and will meet a minimum of four times in each calendar year. Under the LTCH Act, the duties of the Committee of Management are to exercise the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances and to take such measures as necessary to ensure that the corporation complies with all requirements of the Act.

In addition to its responsibilities under the LTCH Act, the Corporation as a long-term care service provider also has responsibility as a Health Service Provider (HSP) under the requirements of the
Local Health System Integration Act, 2006 (LHSI). Under this Act, the Local Health Integration Network must have a service accountability agreement (SAA) in place with each Health Service Provider that it funds. The SAA for the long-term care sector is called the Long-Term Care Home Service Accountability Agreement (L-SAA). In March 2013, Council approved a three year L-SAA agreement with the South West LHIN for the Dearness Home for the period April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2016.

Within the L-SAA is also the requirement that the “Board” authorize, by resolution, an individual to issue an annual Declaration of Compliance declaring that the HSP has complied with and fulfilled its obligations under the terms of the Agreement. Under Article 1.0 of the Agreement (Definitions and Interpretations), with respect to a municipality, “Board” means the Committee of Management.

At its meeting on January 27, 2016, the Dearness Home Committee of Management reviewed its requirements under the L-SAA, confirmed service compliance and authorized the Managing Director Housing, Social Services and Dearness Home to execute the Declaration of Compliance under the L-SAA for the period of January 1 to December 2015. A copy of the report to the Dearness Committee of Management and the executed Declaration of Compliance is attached as Appendix A. The Declaration has been forwarded to the South West LHIN. The Committee of Management also directed that a notice of completion of the Declaration be provided to the Licensee (Corporation) through this report to the CPSC committee.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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