

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING ON MARCH 19, 2019
FROM:	SANDRA DATARS BERE MANAGING DIRECTOR, HOUSING, SOCIAL SERVICES AND DEARNESS HOME
SUBJECT:	2019-2022 SERVICE ACCOUNTABILITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF LONDON (DEARNESS HOME) AND THE SOUTH WEST LOCAL HEALTH INTEGRATION NETWORK (LHIN)

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Housing, Social Services and Dearness Home, the attached proposed By-law as Appendix A **BE INTRODUCED** at the Municipal Council meeting on March 26, 2019 to:

- a) **APPROVE** the Long Term Care Home Service Accountability Agreement for the period April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2022, attached as Schedule 1 with the South West Local Health Integration Network (LHIN): and
- b) **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the agreement approved in (a) above.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER
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- 2018-2019 Service Accountability Agreement between the Corporation of the City of London (Dearness Home) and the South West Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) (CPSC, March 27, 2018)
- 2016-2019 Service Accountability Agreement between the Corporation of the City of London (Dearness Home) and the South West Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) (March 26, 2016)
- 2016-2019 Long Term Care Home Accountability Planning Submission (LAPS) (January 26, 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) (March 18, 2013)
- 2013-2016 Long Term Care Home Accountability Planning Submission (LAPS) (December 3, 2012)

BACKGROUND

It is a requirement of the *Local Health System Integration Act, 2006* that the Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) have a service accountability agreement (SAA) with each Health Service Provider (HSP) 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 2016, Council approved a three year L-SAA agreement with the LHIN, for the period from April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2019.

On March 27, 2018, having been advised by the LHIN of legislative changes necessitated by the implementation of the *Patients First Act*, Council approved a new Long Term Care Service Accountability Agreement for the period April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019.

Consistent with previous versions of the L-SAA, the new 2019-2022 L-SAA (attached as Schedule 1) sets out the terms under which the LHIN will continue to provide funding to the City of London for the delivery of Long Term Care services at Dearness Home. It also confirms the reporting, performance, planning and health system integration obligations that the City must adhere to in order to received funding. The existing 2018-2019 L-SAA will be replaced by the new 2019-2022 L-SAA, once it is approved and executed by Council.

Both the 2019-2022 Agreement and the previous Agreement contain an indemnity clause (11.3) which is a standard clause that is non-negotiable. This exposes the Corporation to liability. The advice from Risk Management is that the benefits of this agreement outweigh the associated risks.

The 2019-2022 L-SAA includes some amendments. “Article 7.5 – Factors Beyond the HSPs (The City of London’s) Control” is related to Performance and recognizes that external influences, such as legislative changes, health care provision, available health care resources or catastrophic events, may require collaboration with the LHIN to produce a response plan, and that in such circumstances a failure to meet an obligation will not be considered a breach of the Agreement. The revised L-SAA also specifies how the HSP (City of London) must recognize LHIN funding in publications, including the Dearness Home website.

The proposed new L-SAA was released by the LHIN on February 25, 2019 with a request that the Health Service Partner (HSP) (The City of London) return the Board-approved and signed copy of the Agreement by March 8, 2018. If the HSP was unable to meet the deadline, there was a requirement to provide the LHIN with a statement of intent, confirming that an approved L-SAA would be forwarded to the LHIN after Council approval.

On February 27, 2019 the Managing Director, Housing, Social Services and Dearness Home submitted the statement of intent to sign and informed the LHIN that the L-SAA will be presented to Council for approval at its meeting on March 26, 2019.

Civic Administration including representatives from Legal Services and Risk Management have reviewed the proposed agreement.

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