

Report to Dearness Home Committee of Management

To: Chair and Members
Dearness Home Committee of Management

From: Kevin Dickins, Deputy City Manager, Social and Health Development

Subject: 2019-2022 Long-Term Care Home Service Accountability Agreement between the Corporation of the City of London (Dearness Home) and Ontario Health, Declaration of Compliance 2021

Date: February 22, 2022

Recommendation

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, Social and Health Development that the following actions be taken regarding 2019-2022 Long-Term Care Home Service Accountability Agreement between the Corporation of the City of London (Dearness Home) and Ontario Health, Declaration of Compliance 2021 that;

- a) the Deputy City Manager, Social and Health Development **BE AUTHORIZED** by the Dearness Home Committee of Management to execute the Declaration of Compliance (substantially Schedule E form of Compliance Declaration **attached** as Schedule 1) under the Long-Term Care Home Service Accountability Agreement for the reporting period of January 1 to December 31, 2021; and that;
- b) the Deputy City Manager, Social and Health Development **BE DIRECTED** to advise the Licensee that the Declaration of Compliance has been made.

Executive Summary

It is a requirement of the *Local Health System Integration Act, 2006* that a Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) have a service accountability agreement (SAA) in place 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). On March 26, 2019, Council approved a three year L-SAA agreement with the South West LHIN for the Dearness Home for the period April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2022 attached as Appendix A.

Consistent with previous versions of the L-SAA, the new 2019-2022 L-SAA 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 receive funding. Schedule D of the L-SAA agreement outlines the performance indicators and obligations as follows:

- The number of visits to the emergency department(ED) made by residents of Dearness Home per 100 LTCH residents with Baseline 9.5%, Target (12% improvement) of 8.37% and Corridor(10% Improvement) of 8.56%.

Within the L-SAA is also the requirement that the "Board" (defined in the agreement as the Committee of Management attached) issue a Compliance Declaration. The Form of the Declaration of Compliance follows (attached as Schedule 1):

The Board has authorized me, by resolution dated [insert date], to declare to you as follows:

After making inquiries of the [insert name and position of person responsible for managing the Home on a day to day basis, e.g. the Chief Executive Office or the

Executive Director] and other appropriate officers of the HSP and subject to any exceptions identified on Appendix 1 to this Declaration of Compliance, to the best of the Board's knowledge and belief, the HSP has fulfilled, its obligations under the long-term care service accountability agreement (the "Agreement") in effect during the Applicable Period.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the HSP confirms that

- (i) it has complied with the provisions of the Local Health System Integration Act, 2006 and with any compensation restraint legislation which applies to the HSP; and*
- (ii) every Report submitted by the HSP is accurate in all respects and in full compliance with the terms of the Agreement;*

Unless otherwise defined in this declaration, capitalized terms have the same meaning as set out in the Agreement between the LHIN and the HSP effective April 1, 2020.

The declaration is required to be submitted on or before the 1st day of March preceding the end of the reporting period.

The declaration this year will be submitted to Ontario Health. This is because on March 17, 2021, the Honourable Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, issued a series of orders transferring the Local Health Integration Networks' (LHINs') health system planning and funding functions to Ontario Health. Accordingly, as of April 1, 2021, Ontario Health assumed all rights and obligations in respect of the service accountability agreements entered into by South West LHIN with the Corporation of the City of London. Aside from the assumption of these agreements by Ontario Health, all of their terms and conditions remained the same. This transfer impacted the Service Accountability Agreements (MSAA & LSAA), which moved to Ontario Health and maintained their existing terms and funding arrangements.

Analysis

1.0 Background Information

1.1 Previous Reports Related to this Matter

- 2019-2022 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 2020 (DHCOM February 17, 2021).
- 2019-2022 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 2019 (DHCOM February 11, 2020).
- 2019-2022 Service Accountability Agreement Between the Corporation of the City of London (Dearness Home) and the South West Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) (CPSC – March 19, 2019).

2.0 Discussion and Considerations

2.1 Confirmation of Compliance

With respect to compliance with the L-SAA agreement 2019-2022, the Director of Dearness Home has confirmed that during the reporting period January 1 to December 31, 2021 has complied with all terms of the LSAA agreement.

The Director also confirms that Dearness Home has complied with the provisions of the *Local Health System Integration Act* and with any compensation restraint legislation which applies to the HSP and that every report submitted by the HSP is accurate in all respects and in full compliance with the terms of the L-SAA Agreement 2019-2022.

Conclusion

As a result, it is recommended that the Deputy City Manager, Social and Health Development be authorized by the Dearness Home Committee of Management (Board) to execute the Declaration of Compliance for the Dearness Home for Senior Citizens for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2021. It is also recommended that the Deputy City Manager, Social and Health Development be directed to advise the Licensee of the completion of the Declaration of Compliance. The Licensee for the Dearness Home is the Corporation of the City of London. The notice of completion of the Declaration will be provided to City Council, through the Clerk's office.

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