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**Title of meeting:** Health Overview & Scrutiny Panel

**Subject:** Stroke Recovery Service

**Date of meeting:** 23<sup>rd</sup> November September 2023

**Report by:** Andy Biddle, Director Adult Social Care

**Wards affected:** All

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**1. Requested by**

Cllr Mark Jeffery, Chair, Health Overview & Scrutiny Panel.

**2. Purpose**

To provide a further update following the decision to withdraw from recommissioning the Stroke Information and Support Service, commonly known as the Stroke Recovery Service.

**3. Information Requested**

Information related to the background, cost, funding sources, delivery & performance and rationale for the decision regarding the contract was provided to the Health Overview & Scrutiny Panel in a [report](#) in September 2023.

**4. Update November 2023**

At time of writing, there has been no formal reply from the Integrated Care Board, (ICB) to the request from the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing, Health & Care to confirm an [Integrated Community Stroke Service](#), (ICSS) will be in place by December 2024.

In October 2023, the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing, Health & Care met with representatives of the Stroke Association. The discussion focussed on whether December 2024 would be realistic for stroke recovery to be implemented as part of the ICSS in Portsmouth by the ICB, given the services that already exist. This was on the basis that the Stroke Association, (SA) is delivering for



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other ICBs as part of stroke recovery services and that the Association's service offer aligns to the ICCS specification, as below:

*The ICSS should work with the voluntary sector to develop appropriate life after stroke and support services – extending the ICSS pathways to support the long-term needs of patients and their carers/families. This should ensure provision of effective support and information as part of the rehabilitation process and encourage self-management where appropriate. Patients should be made aware of and offered options to promote their wellbeing, including stroke education and secondary prevention, community leisure activities and exercise classes, peer-led support groups and social prescribing<sup>1</sup>.*

The current service provided by the Stroke Association is limited to those residents with more complex needs, it was felt that this model could be replicated as a model across HIOW ICB. Whilst there are services in place working with residents who have experienced a stroke, the type of service provided by the Stroke Association is not currently provided across the rest of the ICB area.

The meeting agreed that the Stroke Association would investigate the contract specification it operates to in other ICB areas. This information should include the return on investment to the NHS from the delivery of the ICSS.

Once this information is available, the Leader and Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing, Health & Care will write to the ICB to share the model that is in place in other systems and include the return on investment this generates and share the voices of Portsmouth residents who could support the modelling of a ICCS in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight that includes life after stroke services.

The Leader and Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing, Health & Care propose that their letter be shared with Health & Wellbeing Board Chairs in Southampton and the Isle of Wight and followed up with NHS England if the matter remains unresolved.

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Signed by (Director)

**Appendices:**

2. <sup>1</sup> [National service model for an integrated community stroke service](#)



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**Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972**

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

<b>Title of document</b>	<b>Location</b>
National Service model for an integrated community stroke service	NHS England and NHS Improvement 2022. Publication approval reference: PAR733