

Section 5B – Director for Adult Services

DIRECTOR OF ADULT SERVICES

1. Commissioning of Services

To approve expenditure on the following matters:

- a. contributions to the funds of voluntary organisations providing social care services for vulnerable adults, including grants and purchases.
- b. the provision of aids, appliances and special equipment and the adaptation of dwelling houses to assist meet the needs of vulnerable adults to live independently people with physical disability;
- c. The commissioning of care and support services for vulnerable adults and carers, either through individual packages of care or through contractual arrangements with care providers
- d. Personal Budgets including Direct Payments to service users to meet the agreed costs of social care arranged by the service user within agreed criteria and procedures.

2. Charges for Services

To reduce or waive any charge in any particular case which the director regards as being one of exceptional hardship.

3. The Mental Health Act, 2007 (MHA)

- a. To ensure sufficient Approved Mental Health Professionals trained to cover 24 hour rota.
- b. To issue warrants on behalf of the Council in respect of Approved Mental Health Professionals (AMHP) under the Mental Health Act 1983.
- c. To act as nearest relative under MHA if appointed to do so by County Courts.
- d. To consider for acceptance all guardianship applications made by Social Care professionals.
- e. To deal with the renewal and discharge of guardianship applications under the Mental Health Act 1983.

4. Directly Provided Services

To implement the council's policies with regard to responsibilities for provision of directly provided services, and authority to exercise discretion in applying the council's standards in cases which the director regards as exceptional.

5. Proceedings

To institute proceedings and to appear in any legal proceedings on behalf of the council, where the director considers such proceedings necessary, in order to safeguard the well-being of any vulnerable adult.

6. Deputyship

To prepare and submit recommendations to the Court of Protection, under the Mental Health Act 1983, for the appointment of a Deputy and to administer and comply with Orders of the Court.

7. Deprivation of Liberty

- a. To authorise deprivation of liberty in accordance with Schedule A1 of the Mental Capacity Act 2005.
- b. To authorise applications to the Court of Protection in conjunction with the City Solicitor for those being deprived of their liberty falling outside of Schedule A1 of the Mental Capacity Act 2005.

8. Ex Gratia Payments

To make ex-gratia payments in respect of claims not exceeding £2,000 in respect of damage or injury resulting from the actions of clients looked after by the Council both in relation to adults. Any amount greater must be escalated to the City Solicitor and Monitoring Officer.