

North Somerset Council

Report to the Full Council

Date of Meeting: 16th April 2024

Subject of Report: Adult Social Services and Housing Commissioning Intentions 2024/25

Town or Parish: All

Officer/Member Presenting: Cllr Roger Whitfield Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Safer Communities

Key Decision: N/A

Reason:

Not an Executive decision.

Recommendations

The purpose of this report is to set out the planned Adult Social Services and Housing commissioning priorities for the next 18 months and, where necessary, to seek approval to commence specific procurement activities or to extend contracts beyond their original term, specifically:

- a) To agree the Adult Social Care and Housing commissioning intentions for the next 18 months.
- b) To approve the commencement of activities listed in Appendices A & B, delegating to the Director for Adult Social Care, approval to determine the relevant procurement or commissioning routes, and the award of any contract, in consultation with the relevant Executive Member(s).
- c) To approve activity listed in Appendices A & B the extension of any contracts that have already reached the term under the original permission to commence a procurement.

1. Summary of Report

The purpose of this report is to set out the planned Adult Social Services and Housing commissioning intentions and priorities for the coming 18 months and, where necessary, to seek approval to commence specific procurement activities or to extend contracts beyond their original term.

The commissioning intentions set out within this document are intended to support the delivery of the Adults Social Services and Housing priorities, whilst supporting commissioning intentions as part of the new Adult Social Services Commissioning Strategy 2024 -2031. It will ensure that the available resources are used most

effectively, to enable the residents of North Somerset to live as independently as possible, exercising choice and control whilst being assured that where support is commissioned on their behalf, that it is of a quality and standard that they would expect. The commissioning team are focused upon a cross directorate approach which is person centred and outcome focused whilst supporting the delivery of the directorates savings targets as part of the Council's Savings Plan.

2. Policy

This commissioning intentions report supports the Corporate Plan ambitions, specifically:

- Our communities are caring, health and safe, where people help each other to live well.
- Our council delivers consistently good services and value for money to support our community.

The Corporate Plan acknowledges that within adults and communities the recognition that the council wants to improve the health and wellbeing of our residents, and that we will work with our NHS system, partners and voluntary, community and social enterprise sector partners to enable people to stay well, safe, and independent at home for longer.

We must commission a range of services across adult social care that prevent and / or delay people from needing to rely on statutory services for as long as possible. Details of how we will achieve this will reflect a move to offering better outcomes, that improve and maintain the confidence and therefore, wellbeing of individuals requiring services. We also intend to focus on support for informal carers to maintain their caring role, as well as the use of Technology Enabled Care (TEC), in delaying the need for large packages of care and placements into care homes.

The services in this commissioning plan are key to the commitments in respect of Adult Social Services and Housing priorities for 2024/25.

Our commitments and priorities include:

- Work with people who have care and support needs and their carers, so they remain safe, supported and well.
- Work with our NHS system partners to enable people to stay well, safe, and independent at home for longer.
- Enable communities to develop personal and community resilience, and a proactive approach to their health and wellbeing.
- Enable people to maximise their independence, through a focus on empowering communities, information and advice, early intervention and technology enabled care.
- Ensure more good quality, energy efficient, affordable homes are available for residents to rent or buy through partnership working.
- Strengthen our collaboration and co-production with town and parish councils, the voluntary and the community sector to ensure we work together for the benefits of our residents.
- Achieve a positive outcome under the Care Quality Commission inspection framework, evidencing our strengths and development plans.
- Get better at how we communicate, inform, consult, engage and co-produce with our communities.
- Support a sustainable financial future for the council through innovation and transformation.

- Make the best use of our assets and other resources to deliver value for money.
- Strengthen our strategic partnerships to get the best for North Somerset, our residents, and communities.

This report also supports aspects of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, particularly in respect of:

- Prevention: prevent people from becoming unwell or experiencing poor health and wellbeing.
- Early intervention: support people to identify and manage health and wellbeing problems as early as possible.
- Thriving communities: focus on the wider factors and influences on health, and work with partners to support communities to thrive.

Additionally, this report supports the Prevention of Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy.

The commissioning plan will increasingly reflect our joint ambitions with North Somerset's two NHS locality partnerships.

3. Details

The 2024/25 commissioning intentions, identified in appendices A and B are designed to improve the coordination of our approach to demand management and to support the best use of resources in recognition of improving outcomes and addressing budgetary pressures.

The key strategic drivers for the directorate include:

- Care Act 2014
- Housing Act 1996
- Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996
- Homeless Reduction Act 2017
- Accelerating Reform Fund
- Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund
- Better Care Fund
- Homeless Prevention Grant
- Health and Social Care Integration and the BNSSG Sustainable Transformation Plan
- Discharge to Assess
- Adult Social Care and Housing Commissioning Strategy 2024 - 2031
- The Corporate Plan 2024 - 2028
- North Somerset Housing Strategy 2022 – 2027
- Prevention Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2019 -2024
- Strategic Housing Services Enforcement Policy 2018
- Home Choice Policy 2023
- North Somerset Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2021 – 2024
- Joint Strategic Needs Assessment
- Council Savings Plan

Any commissioning undertaken is supported by the Procurement Team.

The Contracts and Commissioning team is focused on developing an approach that is evidenced and needs led, person centred, strength-based and outcome focused. There is a desire to maximise the level of co-production that can be incorporated in the commissioning process to ensure that the services commissioned optimise outcomes for the person receiving the support, the Council, partners, and the providers of those services. Commissioning is informed through evidence (both locally and nationally), best practice initiatives and local need, and undertaken in line with the Institute of Public Care commissioning cycle.

Individual pieces of work will be brought to the Executive for further consideration where this is appropriate, for example where service design is proposed as part of the commissioning process and new models of service delivery are proposed, but this is not necessarily reflected in the information in the Appendices as these may only be identified once commissioning projects commence.

An update on progress against plans will be provided to the ASHH Executive Members every 6 months, including where any conflict for resourcing of activity during the year has resulted in revised plans.

Each approval includes delegation of further decisions in the process to the Director. Further decisions include the authority to agree the outcome of the commissioning activity to determine the detail of the services to be procured, the procurement route and the award of any contract. Decisions to award contracts will be taken in consultation with the relevant Executive Member(s).

4. Consultation

Ensuring effective ongoing consultation and engagement is fundamental to the commissioning process and is embedded into each commissioning priority and re-procurement process.

The commissioning intentions for 2024/25 have been developed in consultation with Adult Social Services Director, Assistant Director for Commissioning, Partnerships and Housing Solutions, and relevant Heads of Services, as well as the Procurement Team.

In addition, extensive consultation has been undertaken with the development of the Adult Social Care and Housing Commissioning Strategy which is fundamental to the annual commissioning intentions report. This has included, where appropriate, wider consultation across the wider BNSSG system and Integrated Locality Care Partnerships.

Furthermore, wider consultation and co-production of services is beginning to be developed with individuals in receipt of services, and their carers / families to ensure that services which are being commissioned, are appropriate, outcome focused and of the quality and standard we would expect.

The Adult Services and Housing Policy and Scrutiny Panel were consulted on 21st March 2024.

Members requested that the six-month update be used to monitor progress on the items marked 'ongoing' on the actions list, this relates to the Commissioning Strategy Action Plan, as opposed to this specific report. It was acknowledged that actions marked 'ongoing' were

usually a positive achievement in adult social care as these showed sustainability of services.

The Panel endorsed the recommendations to Council set out in the report.

5. Financial Implications

In consultation with the Principal Accountant for Adult Social Services, there are no direct financial implications from this report. Each of the individual procurement activities or contract extensions will need to be considered within the available revenue and capital budgets for the activity.

Costs

The costs associated for each individual contract are detailed in Appendices A and B

Funding

N/A

6. Legal Powers and Implications

The services considered in this commissioning intentions report meet our statutory requirements and as such are covered by the:

- Care Act 2014
- The Health and Care Act 2022
- Mental Capacity Act 2005
- Mental Health Act 1983, as amended in 2009
- The Housing Act 1996
- The Homeless Reduction Act 2017
- The Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996
- and, where appropriate, the Children's and Families Act 2014.

Local Authorities cannot provide these services themselves as the legislation requires them to be provided independent of the Local Authority or NHS Providers.

In addition, the Corporate Procurement Policy is adhered to, alongside the Contract Standing Order Rules. Consideration has also been given to the newly implemented Provider Selection Regime for the procurement of health care services and the implementation of the Procurement Act 2023, which takes effect from autumn 2024. The appendices differentiate between those contracts awarded under the current Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and those where the new procurement regulations will apply.

7. Climate Change and Environmental Implications

Responding to the Climate Emergency is a council-wide commitment. The environmental implications of the commissioning of these services will be considered as part of the procurement process in accordance with the Council's Procurement Strategy 2021-2025 and Social Value procurement guidance. In February 2019 the council declared a Climate Emergency and an Ecological Emergency in November 2020 and pledged to provide the leadership to enable North Somerset to become carbon neutral by 2030. All opportunities to inform and work with service providers to tackle the climate emergency, reduce carbon

emissions, build adaptation and resilience to the local impacts of a changing climate and to restore nature should be taken. The provision of locally accessible services is essential to supporting the take up of low carbon active travel such as walking and cycling.

A thorough risk assessment will be completed by the Procurement and Contracts and Commissioning Teams, the results of which will be detailed in any procurement plan and built into the tender process to ensure that any implications are fully covered.

8. Risk Management

An overall risk rating of LOW has been determined, applying the principles of the corporate risk scoring matrix.

This has been achieved by considering that the impact of any delays in delivering the commissioning intentions could be considered medium / high due to the impact of our statutory duties in respect of our duty of care and risks to vulnerable residents. However, the perceived likelihood of significant delays in these commissioning intentions would be considered rare.

This is mitigated by bringing together all the identified commissioning intentions and priorities into a single place which creates an opportunity to ensure that we maximise our efficiency as commissioners and look for opportunities to align priorities across the directorate and reducing duplication.

Further mitigation is supported as a thorough risk assessment will also be completed by the Procurement and Contracts and Commissioning Teams, against each individual activity, the results of which will be detailed in any procurement plan and will be monitored and mitigated throughout the procurement process and subsequent contract monitoring.

9. Equality Implications

Have you undertaken an Equality Impact Assessment? Yes

For each commissioning priority an equality impact assessment will be undertaken at the stage of planning & procuring / developing services. Equality implications then continue to be considered within the monitoring and review of services.

To ensure that equalities issues and implications have been fully considered as part of each of the commissioning activities, the equalities impact assessments are reviewed by the relevant Head of Service, and where required, guidance and support is sought from the council's equalities officer before procurement commences.

10. Corporate Implications

There are no known corporate implications, however, where a commissioning activity is likely to cross over into another Directorate, appropriate consultation will be undertaken. This has already been reflected in the development of the various strategies which have been key to the commissioning intentions outlined in this report.

11. Options Considered

The nature of most of our activity within Adult Social Care and Housing is statutory and therefore an options appraisal will be undertaken as part of any commissioning activity to inform best practice and value, and most appropriate provision to achieve the desired

service outcome. Where appropriate this will include Voluntary Community Social and Faith Enterprises, the wider BNSSG system and Integrated Locality Care Partnerships.

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Appendices:

ASC Commissioning and Procurement Plan Appendix A (New Activity)
ASC Commissioning and Procurement Plan Appendix B (Existing or previously agreed Activity)

Background Papers:

ASS Commissioning Intentions plan 2023/24 agreed at the Executive meeting June 2023 EXE 9.

Adult Social Services Commissioning Plan 2023/24
(New)

Project/Contract	Description	Current Contract End date	Estimated Contract Value (whole term value)	Commissioning Route	Commissioning Manager	Approval to proceed with the activity required?
Specialised Care and Support Spot Framework Contract with 4 Lots	<p>Specialist care and support provision in respect of Autism, Learning Disabilities, Sensory Impairment, Acquired Brain Injury, Transitions and Mental Health. These are divided into 4 specialists 'Lots':</p> <p>Lot 1: Supported Living Supports individuals with a tenancy who have access to night support or core support, or have more than 105 per week one to one hours.</p> <p>Lot 2: Individualised Framework Supports Individuals with smaller packages that are less than 105 hours one to one per week.</p> <p>Lot 3: Adult Building Based Day Services Supports individuals who attend a building-based type day service.</p> <p>Lot 4: Complex Health and Behaviour Framework</p>	31/03/2025	<p>£109,710,816 (4-year + 2-year term)</p> <p>This is broken down to:</p> <p>£84,566,730</p> <p>£16,229,196</p> <p>£5,445,090</p> <p>£3,469,800</p>	Tender under the new Procurement Act 2023.	Michelle Pankow, Contracts and Commissioning Officer	Yes

Adult Social Services Commissioning Plan 2023/24
(New)

	Supports individuals who are CHC Health funded with complex health needs or those individuals that have complex behaviour and need a specialist provider.					
Domiciliary Care and Support Framework	<p>This contract is for the provision of care and support to children, young people and adults.</p> <p>The Council is committed to commissioning high-quality personal care and support services for people who are assessed as being in need of a service to enable them to remain living in their own home.</p> <p>The ethos of the Service is quality of life for all Clients. It is a framework model that is open to all providers who deliver a variety of care and support provision.</p>	31/03/2025	£20,709,108 (4-year + 2-year term)	Tender under the new Procurement Act 2023.	Elizabeth Longdon, Contracts and Commissioning Officer	Yes

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(New)

Reablement	Reablement Service aims are to enable individuals to remain living in their own home and community, for as long as possible whilst maintaining their optimum level of independence. It provides personalised, time limited support, with the aim of avoiding or delaying the need for long term care provision and facilitates hospital discharge.	04/09/2024	£3,626,748 This is the amount for both reablement and also rapid response and wellness (see below). The two services are not differentiated by finance reporting. (Based on 3 year re-commission)	TBC pending decision under Provider Selection Regime (Health Care Services Procurement Rules)	Elizabeth Longdon, Contracts and Commissioning Officer	Yes
Rapid Response and Wellness Service	This service is seen as a key service in the development of the Integrated Care Partnerships Aging Well programme. It looks at reactionary care to the residents of North Somerset. The service impacts across a number of key areas with a desire by the Integrated Care Board for further development of the service including an expansion of the falls pathway, short term reactionary care and support, reactive telehealth monitoring, welfare calls and observations	04/09/2024	See above	TBC pending decision under Provider Selection Regime (Health Care Services Procurement Rules)	Elizabeth Longdon, Contracts and Commissioning Officer	Yes

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(New)

	supporting both NSC duty and Sirona.					
Emergency Accommodation Framework	This framework provides emergency accommodation to people who have approached the Homeless Prevention Team and who are assessed as being owed a duty by the Authority to provide interim accommodation whilst further investigations are made	14/10/24	£2,500,000 (5-year term)	Extension of existing framework for 18 months, under the same terms and conditions to give time to review the requirements before going out to retender under the new Procurement Act 2023.	Alison Smith, Home Choice, and Lettings Team Manager	Yes
Home Lifts (Supply, Repair & Maintenance)	Lot 1 - Supply and Installation of seated stair lifts (straight, curved and compact) This contract supports the delivery of the Disabled Facilities Grants, a mandatory grant, introduced by the Housing Grants Construction and Regeneration Act 1996. Good practice guidance encourages Local Authorities to use procured contracts to secure value for money, and	31/5/2025	£1,315,000	Original contract included 2-year option to extend.	Claire Baxter, Housing Improvements and Adaptations Team Manager	Yes

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(New)

	help streamline and speed up service delivery. Funded by the DFG element of the Better Care Fund.					
Strawberry Gardens, Extra Care Housing	Provision of on-site care within Strawberry Gardens extra care housing scheme. To enable residents to remain as independent as possible within their own home. The care provider will also respond to emergency calls required by individuals.	27/10/2024	£1,208,984	Original contract included 3-year option to extend	Michelle Pankow, Contracts and Commissioning Officer	Yes
Community Meals	Contract to supply food to be cooked in our own locations and delivered to vulnerable individuals in North Somerset	30/06/2025	£680,000	TBC, following review of future requirements.	Elaine Insley, Community Meals Team Manager / Teresa Stanley, Head of Strategy and Commissioning	No, market research currently underway
Young Adults Respite Service	2 bedded respite service providing 24 hour staffed care provision. The service is modelled on supported living service provision rather than the traditional residential care model. This service is offered to adults, particularly 25 years+, and for those young people	01/06/2024	£568,476	3-year Direct Award under the 'light touch' regime of Public Contracts Regulations 2015.	Rob Hepworth, Accommodation Change Manager	Yes

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(New)

	who previously enjoyed short breaks at Pizey Avenue.					
Park Home Insulation Scheme	<p>Green Homes Grant (HUG2) A successful consortium bid secured HUG2 funding from BEIS for the retrofit of 500 traditional build properties and 45 park homes across the consortium area. Bristol City Leap are delivering the scheme for the traditional build and NS are delivering the scheme for park homes.</p> <p>This supports the corporate plan vision to create a greener NS, supports the actions in the Climate emergency Action Plan and contributes to the commitment to become carbon neutral by 2030.</p>	31/3/25	£480,000	Led by Bristol City Council	Claire Baxter, Housing Improvements and Adaptations Team Manager	Yes, should further funding become available would look to extend the current arrangements
Handy Person Contract	<p>The contract has 6 components that support qualifying individuals: A general Handy Person Service Home from Hospital Service providing minor adaptations / alterations to the home environment.</p>	31/01/2025	£460,000	Original contract included 2-year option to extend	Michelle Pankow, Contracts and Commissioning Officer	Yes

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(New)

	<p>Quoted Works Service providing minor adaptations and works to the home environment under £1000, to support people to remain independent.</p> <p>Urgent Works Service Warm Home Advice and Money Scheme Service Childrens Support Service</p>					
Home Lifts (Supply, Repair & Maintenance)	<p>Lot 3 Supply and Installation of Vertical Through Floor Lift This contract supports the delivery of the Disabled Facilities Grants, a mandatory grant, introduced by the Housing Grants Construction and Regeneration Act 1996. Good practice guidance encourages Local Authorities to use procured contracts to secure value for money, and help streamline and speed up service delivery. Funded by the DFG element of the Better Care Fund.</p>	31/5/2025	£450,000	Original contract included 2-year option to extend	Claire Baxter, Housing Improvements and Adaptations Team Manager	Yes

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(New)

Voluntary Sector Grants	North Somerset Council has historically provided grant funding to a number of organisations. The provision of a grant has been given where there is a clear link between the Council's supporting people agenda and where activities support the strategic aims and objectives of the Council.	31/03/2024	£853,432	1-year direct award of grant funding.	Estelle Radcliffe Contracts and Commissioning Officer	Yes
Single E-Learning Platform	For North Somerset Council to provide an e-learning platform which will be accessed by all local care providers, domiciliary and care homes, to provide a consistent approach to learning and development; This will provide NSC greater insight into the quality and content of training being received by our carers. The platform will be funded via innovation grant funding. This will also be linked into the development of the North Somerset Care Academy, which will identify and support Adult Social Care as a career choice.	N/A	£117,000	Up to 3 years. Tender under Contract Standing Orders.(Services)	Lee Derbidge, Learning and Development Officer	Yes

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(New)

Mental Health Accommodation Solution	This service will be providing 3 flats and support to people with long term mental health to return to general housing following discharge from residential care settings / hospital; the service will support the tenants to manage the property and develop the skills required for independent living, with support being stepped down as the individual develops their independence	N/A	£82,500	1-year direct award, by exception, under Contracts Standing Orders.(Light Touch)	Rob Hepworth, Accommodation Change Manger	Yes
North Somerset Online Directory (NSOD) delivery through Voluntary Action North Somerset (VANS)	VANS would work closely with North Somerset Council to agree on the key information that would be required on NSOD; ANS will work with North Somerset Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprises (VCSE) to become active members of NSOD and to keep information up to date, to inform individuals of the variety of support and services available with their local communities.	N/A	£40,000	1-year direct award of grant funding	Estelle Radcliffe, Contracts and Commissioning Officer	Yes

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(New)

Specialist Housing Needs Assessment	An assessment to be undertaken by HousingLIN to identify future need for specialist and supported housing over the next 10 + years within North Somerset, for people under the age of 65.	N/A	£24,750	Short term, Direct Award via exception under Contract Standing Orders	Rob Hepworth Accommodation Change Manager	Yes
Harvard Support Services Move-on Service	This contract will be providing core support into a 3 bedroomed property for existing tenants of Harvard and Folley House. This will enable individuals the opportunity to move into more independent living, which in turn will free up accommodation for more complex supported living. This will then be encompassed under Lot 1 of The Specialised Care and Support Spot Framework Contract (details above)	31/03/2025	£9,124	1-year direct award under Contract Standing Orders.	Michelle Pankow, Contracts and Commissioning Officer	Yes

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(New)

UKCIL PA Register	Contract to provide a personal assistant recruitment register, to support direct payment users, in effectively recruiting Pas to deliver their care.	01/12/2024	£3,000	Annual Direct Award	Sue Kelly, Connecting Lives Manager	Yes
Vyond	Cloud based subscription tool that allows the creation of engaging and eye-catching information videos and bitesize learning. This tool supports the delivery of training and information to providers and paid carers	14/08/2024	£518.17	Annual subscription Direct Award	Lee Derbidge, Learning and Development Officer	Yes

Adult Social Services Commissioning Plan 2024/25
(Existing or previously agreed activity)

Project/Contract	Description	Current Contract Expiry Date	Estimated Contract Value (whole term value)	Commissioning Route	Commissioning Manager	Approval to proceed with the activity required?
Support to Live at Home Woodspring Contract	Provision of home care for Clients living in the Integrated Care Partnership Area of Woodspring. This is the Lead Provider Woodspring Contract and will be supported by the Support to Live at Home Flexible Framework Agreement	30/06/2024	£20,000.000	Tender completed; new contract due to commence July 2024 for up to 7 years	Elizabeth Longdon, Contracts and Commissioning Officer	N/A already approved at Full Council Jan 2023 Contract Awarded Jan 2024
Bathing Contract Framework	<p>Contract for the delivery of bathing adaptations as part of the Disabled Facilities grant. This contract supports the delivery of the Disabled Facilities Grants, a mandatory grant, introduced by the Housing Grants Construction and Regeneration Act 1996.</p> <p>Good practice guidance encourages Local Authorities to use procured contracts to secure value for money, and help streamline and speed up service delivery.</p>	31/03/2024	£3,800,000	2-year out of contract extension, under Contracts Standing Orders (Works)	Claire Baxter, Housing Improvements and Adaptations Team Manager	N/A Directors Decision signed 12/02/2024

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(Existing or previously agreed activity)

Blocked Booked Beds	<p>North Somerset has several block-booked beds to ensure a maintained and cost-effective care home bed capacity in North Somerset.</p> <p>Current provision is 77 block beds across 5 care homes covering nursing and residential care.</p> <p>The block-booked beds are recommissioned for 6 months at a time.</p>	Rolling 6-month contracts	<p>12-month total cost of 38 beds £2,226,610</p> <p>Additional 12 months of 39 beds with Sycamore Lodge £1,966,521</p>	<p>Direct award to 4 Homes (total 38 beds), in the local area as no cross-border interest.</p> <p>Direct award to Sycamore Lodge for 39 beds, local provision; no cross-border interest.</p>	Estelle Radcliffe, Contracts and Commissioning Officer	Yes
Contract Novation – Extra Care Housing Lakeside Court	<p>Provision of on-site care within Lakeside Court extra care housing scheme. To enable residents to remain as independent as possible within their own home. The care provider will also respond to emergency calls required by individuals.</p> <p>Contract Novation from Home Life Carers Limited to Agincare Limited</p>	31/10/2026	£2,177,710	4 years with option to extend for a further 3 years	Michelle Pankow Contracts and Commissioning Officer	Yes

Adult Social Services Commissioning Plan 2024/25
(Existing or previously agreed activity)

Domestic Abuse Services	The current domestic abuse services provide specialist support for adults (and where applicable, their children) who have experienced or are experiencing domestic abuse.	31/03/2024	£1,800,000	2-year permitted extension to current contract	Michelle Pankow Contracts and Commissioning Officer.	Yes
Pathways to Adulthood / Pizey Avenue Scheme	Joint commissioned provision with Children's Social Care providing short-term respite breaks, and support to prepare young people on their pathway to adulthood	31/03/2024	£1,249,226	2-year direct award, under Regulation 32 of the Public Contracts Regulation 2015.	Teresa Stanley (Adults) Alison Stone (Childrens) Heads of Strategy and Commissioning	N/A as decision signed by Directors of Adults and Children's Services on 31/01/2024
Support to Live at Home Woodspring Flexible Framework Agreement	Provision of home care for Clients living in the Integrated Care Partnership Area of Woodspring. This flexible framework is to support the Lead Provider Woodspring Contract and we will be looking to approve two to three providers	30/06/2024	£5,000,000	Tender under the new Procurement Act 2023.	Elizabeth Longdon, Contracts and Commissioning Officer	N/A already approved at Full Council Jan 2023
Community Meals	Contract to supply food to be cooked in our own locations and delivered to vulnerable individuals in North Somerset	30/09/2024	£850,000	Up to 9 months permitted extension to current contract	Elaine Insley, Community Meals Team Manager / Teresa Stanley, Head of Service Development	Yes

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(Existing or previously agreed activity)

<p>Advocacy</p>	<p>Recommission of Statutory Advocacy Services for Adults. This service is a statutory duty under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and is funded as one element of the Local Reform and Community Voices Grant received by the Council.</p> <p>The provider will supply the following statutory advocacy services: Mental Capacity Advocacy (IMCA) Independent Mental Health Advocates (IMHA) NHS Complaints Advocates (IHCA) Independent Advocacy (ICCA)</p> <p>The new contract will also include the following areas which are currently purchased outside the main contract.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Litigation Friend. • 39A referrals. 	<p>30/06/2024</p>	<p>£600,000</p>	<p>Tender in progress, award expected in March 2024. Open tender under the 'light touch' regime of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.</p>	<p>Michelle Pankow Contracts and Commissioning Officer</p>	<p>Yes</p>
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(Existing or previously agreed activity)

Wellness and Active Lifestyles	This contract provides activities that promotes good health, wellbeing, and engagement for people with dementia. The service is delivered across 5 days from Tamar Court.	31/03/2024	£184,600	1-year Direct Award under the exception to Contract Standing Orders (light touch).	Elizabeth Longdon, Contracts and Commissioning Officer	Yes
Healthwatch	Local Authorities have a duty to ensure that an effective local Healthwatch is operating in their area, delivering the activities set out in the legislation. A jointly commissioned service across BNSSG for the provision of the provider to feedback to local authorities to understand the needs, experiences and concerns of people who use health and social care services and to speak out on their behalf.	30/09/2024	£166,200	Tender jointly across BNSSG with Bristol Leading Out to tender 06/02/2024	Estelle Radcliffe, Contracts and Commissioning Officer	Yes
Accelerating Reform Fund	Funding from the Department of Health and Social Care to support innovation in social care. The aim of the funding is to support the growth of services that make person centred care a reality, support unpaid carers to live healthy and fulfilling lives and respond to rising demand and the changing needs of the local population.	N/A	£100,000 (from initial £300,000 across BNSSG) £28,488 2023/24 £87,005 2024/25	One off DHSC grant funding	Teresa Stanley, Head of Strategy and Commissioning	Yes

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(Existing or previously agreed activity)

	<p>Partnership working with South Glos and Bristol to combine resources where appropriate and share learning.</p> <p>North Somerset main focus with this funding will be in respect of utilising technology to support unpaid carers with virtual respite and day care, and to promote the local Home Share scheme.</p>					
International Recruitment	The grant will be used to support social care employers undertake best practice overseas recruitment to reduce the incidence of poor practice; to support the orientation and wellbeing of social care workers from overseas, and to increase retention of these workers within the social care workforce.	N/A	£60,000	One off grant	Poppy Carson, Proud to Care Lead	Yes
Be Proud to Care Website	Joint commissioned provision across BNSSG and the ICB for the 'Be Proud to Care' campaign, to promote the value of working in social care and increase new entrants to jobs in social care.	12/2023	£254	3 years Direct Award under Contract Standing Orders.	Poppy Carson, Proud to Care Project Lead	Yes