

OPTION: REVIEW OF EMERGENCY DUTY

BUDGET SAVING: £100,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPTION

The Council is reviewing its arrangements in the way emergency duty (out of hours) care management processes are delivered.

The proposal is that the current arrangements for out-of-hours emergency response need to be reviewed as the work with the NHS on integrated services progresses.

RATIONALE FOR SAVINGS

Much of the work of the out of hours service relates to mental health and emergency response to older people and disabled adults.

Cheshire and Wirral Partnership Trust host Mental Health provision. There is a current review of these services and the Council has been invited to respond to the consultation document. The Council's response will include a proposal that the reconfigured service should incorporate an out-of-hours service. The Council has contracts with supported living providers for older people and disabled adults. These contracts have 24/7 support. These contracts can be developed to provide a point of contact for emergencies.

There will continue to be an out-of-hours rota for Senior Managers and an access to social worker who can be called out if required.

IMPACT

There will be no impact on service. The aim is to achieve a more cost effective model. The changes will have impact on the overall service which is currently shared with Children's services. However the savings are only related to the current adult services contribution to the overall EDT budget.

MITIGATION

This proposal will be developed with all partners.