Service Provision Title: Place-Based social inclusion support – 16/17 PILOT	
Service Type: Floating Support	Client Category: All
Last Yr Units:0	Last Yr £: 0
This Yr Units:	This Yr £:
Increase/(decrease) Units: To be negotiated	Extra funding/(Saving) £: 0

Rationale for proposal

An external provider currently provides a range of floating and activity support to the older person's client group. This provision was remodelled in 2011 when an exercise to change SP for older people via the sheltered housing warden model to the more needs-based floating support model. Since then the client group and their expectations in the older people's accommodation provisions has changed. There is less demand for support and temporary contract amendments have had to be implemented to enable the provider to offer support to a wider group of client support needs – ie not just older people. A development in this provision has been the inclusion of an activity support worker which has become a very much valued service by the service users.

It is proposed to re-assign 4 x P/TE workers from the current older people's provision to provide a social inclusion and activity support service to the 4 place-based hubs – Abergavenny, Monmouth, Chepstow and Caldicot. The new service will therefore be funded through a remodelling of a current service and therefore has no financial impact. Contractually, the pilot will be delivered under a variation to an existing contract. At the same time, by re-assigning these support workers, the remaining support in the older person's service will more closely match the current demand.

The new role is a development from the current activity coordinator role. This role develops activities but these are then a resource to the service user and their support worker. The new role will involve developing activities and facilitating access to them by the service users. It will become an outcome generating role.

Whilst the principles of this provision have been discussed with the provider, detailed negotiations have yet to be undertaken.

Considered impacts:

On the face of it, this proposal reduces the resources available to older people. However, the reality is that during 15/16, there have had to be funding clawbacks implemented as the provider has been unable to evidence sufficient support delivery – there has been insufficient demand.

The redistribution of the resource to a service accessible by all client groups is therefore a positive impact across the protected characteristics as a whole.