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| Reference | |
| Executive Director | Will Blandamer |
| Cabinet Member | Cllr Tariq |

Section A

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| Service Area | OCO |
| Budget Option Description | Enforce Section 22 of the Care Act |

| Budget Reduction Proposal – Detail and Objectives |
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| <p>Section 22 of the Care Act 2014 states that a local authority may not meet people’s needs by providing a service that should be provided under the NHS Act 2006 unless doing so is merely incidental or ancillary to doing something else that meets need.</p> <p>This means where a person requires a reminder, or prompt or assistance to take medication the local authority may only provide a care package to do this where the carer is also meeting another need at the same time, such as personal care or assistance with food.</p> <p>Where the support is only with medication the local authority is not required to provide care under the Care Act.</p> <p>Where medication is the only need and there are no other eligible needs that need meeting at the same time then this is the responsibility of the NHS under the NHS Act 2006.</p> <p>This policy has already been enacted by most other local authorities in England</p> <p>An analysis for home care provision in Bury found a number of calls are now only for medication prompting or assistance.</p> <p>The total cost of providing these calls is £636,000 per year and equals 30,000 hours of care a year or 82 hours per day across all of our care and support services that provide services to adults. These services are currently commissioned from external home care providers.</p> <p>This proposal sees no new home care calls that are for medication only provided to adults with care and support needs. In addition, over 2 years all small packages of care where home care calls are for medication only and no other need is being met will be reviewed.</p> <p>Where medication only support is required, adults will be encouraged to use a medication aid or to seek support from their GP or pharmacist for further advice on how to manage their medication.</p> <p>This policy and programme of reviews will start following public consultation</p> |

| | 2023/24 | 2024/25 |
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| Budget Reduction (£m) | £0.300 | £0.636 |
| Staffing Reduction (FTE) | 0 | 0 |

Section B

What impact does the proposal have on:

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| Property |
| None |
| Service Delivery |
| Service users would no longer receive a call from a carer provided by the local authority but rather use a medication aid. Where this was not possible service users would be asked to contact their GP or pharmacist for further advice. |
| Organisation (Including Other Directorates/Services) |
| No effect on Bury Council |
| Workforce – Number of posts likely to be affected. |
| 0 as these services are commissioned from external providers |
| Communities and Service Users |
| Service users would no longer receive a call from a carer provided by the local authority but rather use a medication aid. Where this was not possible service users would be asked to contact their GP or pharmacist for further advice. |
| Other Partner Organisations |
| Service users would no longer receive a call from a carer provided by the local authority but rather use a medication aid. Where this was not possible service users would be asked to contact their GP or pharmacist for further advice. |

Section C

Key Risks and Mitigations

| Risks | Mitigations |
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| Medication may be poorly managed | Advice on compliance can be provided by pharmacists and general practice Compliance aids are readily available Where necessary service users can be referred to the equipment and assistive technology service |

Section D

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| Consultation Required? | Yes |
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| | Start Date | End Date |
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| Staff | N/A | N/A |
| Trade Unions | N/A | N/A |
| Public | N/A | N/A |
| Service User | Feb 2023 | March 2023 |

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| Other – NHS partners, providers | Feb 2023 | March 2023 |
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Equality Impact

Is there potential for the proposed budget reduction to have a disproportionate/ adverse impact on any of the following?

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| Disabled people | X |
| Particular Ethnic Groups | |
| Men or Women (including impacts due to pregnancy/maternity) | |
| People who are married or in a civil partnership | |
| People of particular sexual orientation | |
| People who are proposing to undergo, undergoing or undergone a process or part of a process of gender assignment | |
| People on low incomes | |
| People in particular age groups | |
| Groups with particular faiths and beliefs | |

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| EIA Required? | yes |
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Section E

Financial Implications and Investment Requirements

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| Investment requirements – Revenue and Capital |
| None |

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| Finance Comments – Will the proposal deliver the savings and within the agreed timescales? |
| This will require careful monitoring and scrutiny to deliver the savings in 2023/24 due to timing of commencement following consultation and any transitioning |