

## Specialist Views of Others (SVO process)

For requests for increases/decreases to an existing package.

- There is no need to complete the SVO form to request an increase or decrease in a care package. If there is an allocated social worker please contact them in the first instance. If there isn't one please use the portal for this ([Support for adults | Essex County Council](#)) and someone will get back to you.

Emergency additional time requests

- Any underused commissioned hours for that week should be used first before claiming.
- The SVO Team (Service Placement Team) has the authority to approve emergency additional time requests of up to 2 hours only. In very specific circumstances over 2 hours will be considered if part of the same emergency situation, for example waiting for an ambulance to arrive.
- The requests must be received by the SVO Team in the format below within 28 days of the incident occurring otherwise they will not be approved.
- Please send to [SPT.PackageChanges@essex.gov.uk](mailto:SPT.PackageChanges@essex.gov.uk)

Contingency hours

- These can only be approved by the SVO Team if they are already detailed within the support plan – including an allocated amount of hours and note of the specific incident leading to the use of any contingency time
- Please send to [SPT.PackageChanges@essex.gov.uk](mailto:SPT.PackageChanges@essex.gov.uk)
- Some practitioners will allow for day care closures within the support plan
- If not detailed in the support plan the SVO Team has to seek budget holder approval in order to process the request

## Specialist Views of Others

Suspension, Termination, One-Off, Restart and Contingency

*All fields marked with \* are mandatory. Incomplete forms will not be actioned & will be returned.*

- \*Name of Care Provider:**
  - \*Telephone Number of Care Provider:**
  - \*SVO Completed By:**
  - \*Date of Request:**
  - \*Date of Providers Last Review/Assessment:**
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### Service User Details

- \*Name:**
  - \*PRN:**
  - \*Address:**
  - \*Telephone Number**
  - \*Current Support Provided Including Outcomes Achieved:**
  - \*Number of support hours already provided this week:**
  - \*Total hours per week**
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### Suspension/Termination/Restart

- Request Type:**
  - Reason:**
  - Date in which is to come into effect:**
  - Last Visit attended (Suspension/Termination only):**
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### Use of Contingency Hours

*These are hours that have already been identified on a support plan for a temporary increase in need relating to a specified outcome.*

**Dates of contingency provision:**

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**Reason for use of contingency hours as detailed in the support plan:**

**Total number of hours provided:**

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## **One Off Additional Emergency Support**

**(Maximum of 2 hours)**

**Date of additional support:**

**Reason for additional emergency support:**

**What were the risks involved?**

**Call length:**

**Any other information on additional support:**

**[Any requests received later than one month after the emergency support was provided will not be paid.](#)**

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**Any Further Information**