

Commissioning Update

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Key highlights and updates:



New procurement regulations delayed. This will impact on timelines and approach for Live at Home (domiciliary care) in particular.



Advocacy. We have recently recommissioned the all-age, all-specialism advocacy service for Essex. This went live in July. The new provider is Voiceability.



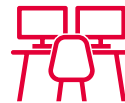
Live at Home. Due to delay to new procurement regulations, some workshops scheduled with suppliers for October have been postponed. Our long-term aim remains to improve interface with home care and other services including NHS neighbourhoods



Supported Living (AWD). The procurement for the new framework has entered stage 2 of the tender, with a start date for the new service in April 2025. This framework will increase the quality of care and simplify contract process for providers and ECC.



Care Homes (IRN framework). A decision for re-procurement of the IRN framework is due to ECC cabinet in December. NHS partners have been engaged with this work and as part of this we are also looking to sharpen our approach to quality assessment.



Supported Employment. For Mental Health Supported Employment (IPS), we are due to go out to tender for new contracts to be in place in April 2025. We are also exploring work-ready support for young people up to the age of 25 to support them to achieve employment related outcomes.