

Integrated Impact Assessment Statement – 23/24 Savings Programme

Contracts and Spot Purchase Grip and Control

This proposal is a “business-as-usual” grip and control measure which is anticipated to release financial savings as a consequence. The work is already underway and focuses on tighter controls and financial/contract management for purchased services. A number of key workstreams will be delivered which focus on:

- Redesigning management oversight to ensure improved budgetary control
- Recruiting to budgeted vacancies within the Contracts Team and aligning portfolios of commissioning and contracts staff to allow for improved active commissioning and contractual control
- Development and implementation of a contract management framework
- A full review of all block contracts and their usage, to determine if there are any gaps in service or under-utilised capacity, informing future commissioning and contracting arrangements.
- Reviewing and where necessary redesigning processes relating to payment of spot contracts, uplifts, exceptions, communication with both providers and frontline staff, and the use of waivers

There are no anticipated adverse impacts for individuals receiving care, their unpaid carers or for staff. The work involves no change to policy or service. The assessed needs of individuals will continue to be met in line with existing policy and legislation. This is continuous improvement work which is undertaken as a normal course of action.

As a result, it is considered that an Integrated Impact Assessment is not required for this savings proposal. In the event that it is identified that new block contracts or frameworks are required, a full Integrated Impact Assessment would be undertaken as part of that process and the EIJB would be asked to consider that as part of the contract approval.

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