

# **WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL**

## **STATEMENT OF DECISION**

**SUBJECT:           AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO A SECTION 75 AGREEMENT  
                          BETWEEN THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER AND NHS NORTH WEST  
                          LONDON CCG**

Notice is hereby given that the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health has made the following executive decision on the above mentioned subject for the reasons set out below.

### **Decision**

The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health has agreed to delegate authority to the Executive Director for Adult Social Care and Public Health to:

- a. Negotiate and finalise the terms for the Section 75 Agreement for Better Care Funded Services between the City of Westminster and the North West London Clinical Commissioning Group (and any successor body); and
- b. Negotiate and finalise appropriate terms for any variations to the Section 75 Agreement for Better Care Funded Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health.

### **Reasons for Decision**

1. One of the most ambitious programmes ever introduced across the NHS and local government, the Better Care Fund encourages integration by requiring Clinical Commissioning Groups and local authorities to enter into pooled budget arrangements and agree an integrated spending plan. The Better Care Fund national condition for grant funding is that a signed Section 75 Agreement is in place between the Local Authority and the Clinical Commissioning Group. If this condition is not met, NHS England is able to direct the Clinical Commissioning Group in our Health and Wellbeing Board area as to the use of the funding.
2. With the recent changes in the NHS West London Clinical Commissioning Group to NHS North West London Clinical Commissioning Group there is a need to have a new Section 75 Agreement in place.
3. A Cabinet Member decision is required as the local authority will be incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the relevant local authority's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates or has significant local impact on communities living across two or more wards of the borough.

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