

Report to General Purposes Committee

3 August 2023

Subject:	Request for Leonard Andrews Poole Trust funds for garden furniture at Harvest View Health & Social Care Centre
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1 Recommendations

- 1.1 That the Board considers and comments upon a request for funds from the Leonard Andrews Poole Trust to provide garden furniture for the residents at Harvest View Health & Social Care Centre.
- 1.2 That the Board agrees for a procurement exercise to be undertaken to source suitable garden furniture to meet the needs of the residents at Harvest View Health & Social Care Centre.

2 Reasons for Recommendations

Harvest View opened to residents in November 2022 and is Sandwell's new flagship social care and health facility. Harvest View in Rowley Regis offers specialist support from both social care and health staff all under one roof, with 80 en-suite rooms and friendly communal areas as well as lovely outdoor spaces. The facility enables people to get back home after a hospital visit and also those who need some structured support to avoid a hospital stay altogether. Harvest View replicates the home environment, where residents can be encouraged back to their normal health in familiar surroundings. The focus is on maintaining and





improving independent living rather than specifically treating the medical condition.

The outdoor areas consist of lawned areas, flat winding pathways to encourage mobility, and raised beds for gardening and growing vegetables. There is a large area that was designed as a communal space to encourage interaction between residents, with a view that this would house tables and chairs for a relaxed outdoor space for residents to enjoy. This could be a place for rest, relaxation, communication, visits from family/friends or an outdoor dining space. Please see Appendix 1 for an image of this area.

Unfortunately, there were not sufficient funds nor contracts available at the time of the build of Harvest View to source tables and chairs for this outdoor area. The requirement aligns with the priorities for the Leonard Andrews Poole Trust funding and will have a great impact on the quality of service provided at Harvest View.

3 How does this deliver objectives of the Corporate Plan?

	<p>People live well and age well</p> <p>Upon arrival at Harvest View each resident is assessed and a bespoke reablement plan and goals is agreed with them. This is delivery by a multi-disciplinary team of professionals. Goals often include an improvement in physical function or mobility. There are large corridors for mobility practice, however the winding pathways in the outdoor area further encourage and replicate the person's own environment at home or in the community.</p> <p>The additional of tables and chairs in this area will support the delivery of the reablement programme, providing a suitable space to rest, reflect and undergo further assessment from the Occupational Therapist or Physiotherapist. The overall aim to maximise a person's reablement potential, enhance their wellbeing and enable them to return home.</p>
	<p>Strong resilient communities</p> <p>The outdoor space at Harvest View has 'open' fencing to one side. The outlook is onto a local children's play area and</p>



	<p>park. It was designed to encourage the facility to feel part of the community in Rowley Regis, encouraging interaction with the local area and residents. Many of the staff working at Harvest View live in the local vicinity.</p> <p>An outdoor seating and eating area would prolong the period of time residents may spend outside, increasing the interaction with the local community.</p>
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4 Context and Key Issues

4.1 Consultation has been completed with Occupational Therapy colleagues, to confirm the height, type and style of seating and tables that are likely to meet the needs of the majority of residents.

In order to establish an approximate cost and number of items required a quote has been obtained from company for; 5 x square dining tables, 20 x armchairs.

The requested funds to undertake a procurement exercise is £5,000.

5 Implications

Resources:	<p>Investment requested from Leonard Andrews Poole Trust funds to purchase the items; quotes indicate this to be around £5,000.</p> <p>The Leonard Andrews Poole Trust currently has £31,542 available. The annual income is approximately £4,800.</p> <p>Harvest View will then take responsibility for ongoing maintenance and possible replacement over time.</p>
Legal and Governance:	<p>Funds must be held and spent in accordance with the bequest.</p>
Risk:	<p>The tables requested are of a heavy weight to reduce the likelihood of them being moved or removed from Harvest View.</p> <p>The chairs are of a more lightweight construction to suit the needs of our more vulnerable and frail residents. These will be of a powder coated aluminium construction to allow for suitable cleaning to adhere to infection control measures.</p>



Equality:	Consultation has been completed with Occupational Therapy colleagues, to confirm the height, type and style of seating and tables that are likely to meet the needs of the majority of residents. Due to the short term nature of residents at Harvest View (up to 6 weeks) and bespoke needs for outdoor seating will need to be considered on a case by case basis.
Health and Wellbeing:	The set reablement goals are designed to maximise a person's reablement potential, enhance their wellbeing and enable them to return home. The availability of an outdoor seating and dining area, provide further opportunity for the reablement programme.
Social Value:	Procurement exercise to be undertaken, as per the procurement rules this will look to ensure a Sandwell or West Midlands Combined Authority companies are able to quote for this requirement.
Climate Change:	Items sourced will be of a suitable construction for outdoor use using materials that will last throughout the seasons and can be cleaned and restored if needed.
Corporate Parenting:	Not applicable.

6 Appendices

Appendix 1 – Photograph of outdoor area at Harvest View

Appendix 2 – Example images of possible seating and dining tables

7. Background Papers

None.



Appendix 1



Appendix 2

