

Report to General Purposes and Arbitration Committee

4 March 2024

Subject:	Request for use of Leonard Andrews Poole Trust funds for the purchase of specialist radios at Fountain Court.
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1 Recommendations

- 1.1 That the Board considers the request for funds from the Leonard Andrews Poole Trust to provide specialist Dementia radios for the residents at Fountain Court;
- 1.2 That the Board agrees for a procurement exercise to be undertaken to source suitable radios to meet the needs of the residents at Fountain Court.

2 Reasons for Recommendations

- 2.1 Fountain Court in Smethwick offers specialist residential care from dedicated social care staff for older adults living with Dementia.
- 2.2 Fountain Court has 16 en-suite bedrooms, two communal lounges leading to a conservatory and landscaped outdoor gardens. The home enables people to live well in the surroundings specifically designed to support people living with the effects of their Dementia.
- 2.3 The purpose of the specialist radios is to offer an enhanced level of wellbeing and entertainment for the residents. The radios are designed with easy to use pre-set stations, removing the distress of losing the



station and listening to white noise. The radios also allow for families or staff to pre-set favourite songs which help people to remember the time or feelings of significant and happy events enabling people to relax and reduce their anxieties.

3 How does this deliver objectives of the Corporate Plan?

	<p>People live well and age well People live with the effects of Dementia and Alzheimer's disease differently every day. Music and dancing is proven to help people living with dementia to relax and enjoy social interaction. Utilising the dementia radios within Fountain Court will enable a more person-centred program of support to be implemented either during activities or as a one to one experience to allow the individual time to talk about their favourite songs, with the security the stations won't be lost causing anxieties.</p> <p>The radios can also be operated independently by individuals with reduced vision or dexterity due to the simple design and structure supporting people to maintain independence with the system.</p> <p>Using music therapy to support people to reduce their anxieties and minimise distress will also help to reduce the requirements to move to a more medication focussed plan of support, thus retaining the persons overall wellbeing, physical health and sense of self.</p>
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4 Context and Key Issues

- 4.1 Consultation has been completed with Edward Street hospital consultants and CPN colleagues, to confirm the type and style of radio required that is likely to meet the needs of the majority of residents. There has been a trial of similar radios within fountain court which has proven extremely successful.
- 4.2 In order to establish an approximate cost, a quote has been obtained from company for; 14 x Specialist radios.
- 4.3 The requested funds to undertake a procurement exercise is £2,000.



5 Implications

Resources:	Investment requested from Leonard Andrews Poole Trust funds to purchase the items, quotes indicate this to be around £2,000. The Trust fund currently has £30,845 available to support special amenities for the residents of Fountain Court and Harvest View.
Legal and Governance:	The members of the General Purposes and Arbitration Committee are the legal Trustees of the Leonard Andres Poole Trust. Funds must be held and spent in accordance with the bequest.
Risk:	The radios are low vault battery operated. These will be added to the electrical appliance register held within fountain Court and will be risk assessed, maintained and monitored in accordance with current regulations.
Equality:	The radios can be tuned to stations of preference, including personalised playlists.
Health and Wellbeing:	Increased wellbeing and social interactions. Reduced medical interventions
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 disposed of according to manufacture instruction
Corporate Parenting:	Not applicable.

6 Appendices

Appendix 1 – Example images of possible radio choices

7. Background Papers

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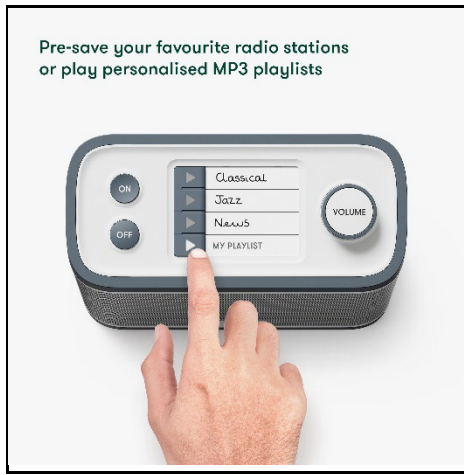


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