

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Peter Oakford
Cabinet Member for Specialist Children's Services

DECISION NO:

16-00052

For publication

Key decision Affects more than two Electoral Divisions and expenditure over £1m

Subject: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

Decision: As Cabinet Member for Specialist Children's Services, I propose:

- a) Kent County Council will enter into such legal agreements that are necessary and appropriate to enable the joint operational delivery of this project between KCC, West Kent Clinical Commissioning Group and the Provider for the purpose of jointly procuring a mental health service for children and young people including children in care and integrated provision within the health needs pupil referral units, and
- b) to delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Social Care, Health and Wellbeing or other nominated officer to undertake the necessary actions to enter into the agreements.

Reason(s) for decision:

Kent County Council and the seven Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) across Kent have been working together since early 2015 to deliver a new whole system of support to improve children's mental health. The current contract is due to end on 31 March 2017. A new service will be procured by West Kent CCG as the lead commissioner on behalf of all CCGs and KCC which will commence on 1 April 2017.

Financial Implications:

Funding for this procurement will be c. £2.7m per year with Specialist Children's Services committing £1.29m per year and Early Help and Preventative Services committing £1.44m per year.

Legal Implications:

West Kent CCG will be the lead commissioner on behalf of all Kent CCGs and KCC. West Kent CCG will enter into the contract with the successful provider following the procurement process. KCC, West Kent CCG and all the CCGs will be required to enter legal agreements to govern the relationship between the Council, the CCG and the Provider.

Equality Implications:

None

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The issue will be discussed at the Children's Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee on 5 July and the outcome will be included in the decision paperwork the Cabinet Member will be asked to sign.

Any alternatives considered: None

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:

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signed

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date