

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Graham Gibbens
Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health

DECISION NO:

16/00014

For publication**Key decision:**

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

Subject: Commissioning of Integrated Domestic Abuse Support Services

Decision: As Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health, I propose to:

1. Commission an integrated domestic abuse support service across the county of Kent and
2. Delegate to the Corporate Director for Social Care Health and Wellbeing or other suitable nominated officer authority to implement that decision

Reason(s) for decision:

Current arrangements for the provision of domestic abuse services are often short term and services are not well networked together. There is duplication in either geography or function whilst elsewhere gaps exist

Bringing together service provision in a more efficient, cost effective and sustainable manner will improve services for those experiencing domestic abuse intervening earlier and reducing harm to both adults and children and will enable a more balanced provision across the county, address the inequity of provision and afford better value for money by reducing duplication

Financial Implications

The proposed amount to be spent on the newly commissioned service in Kent is £2.3m.

The Council's financial commitment to adult domestic abuse provision will be £2.04m. This will be supplemented by the contributions from partner agencies to swell the pooled pot to £2.3m.

Legal implications

Legal agreement between funding partners is currently being designed and legal advice is being sought.

Equality Implications

An equality impact assessment for the commissioning of an integrated domestic abuse service has been completed. The reshaped service provides an opportunity to better serve the needs of those from diverse and hard to reach communities and those with protected characteristics.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The proposed decision will be discussed at the Adult Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee on 11 October and the outcome included in the paperwork which 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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