

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

**DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:**  
Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care

**DECISION NO:**  
18/00029

## For publication

### Key

Affects more than 2 Electoral Divisions and expenditure of more than £1m

## Subject: POSITIVE BEHAVIOURAL SUPPORT SERVICE

**Decision:** As Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, I propose to:

- a) **UNDERTAKE** a procurement exercise for the provision of a Positive Behavioural Support Service which will commence from September 2018; and
- b) **DELEGATE** authority to the Corporate Director of Adult Social Care and Health, or other nominated officer, to undertake the necessary actions to implement the decision.

**Reason(s) for decision:** Kent has already made significant improvements in the care pathway for people with a learning disability. This has significantly reduced the use of in-patient services and increased the focus on preventative interventions. The new Positive Behavioural Support Service will enable a small group of providers to develop specialist provision for people with multiple and complex needs and deliver services that improve the outcomes for these individuals through a more efficient and collaborative approach.

**Financial Implications:** The planned framework will run for four years with individual call-offs for each package of need. The expected value of call-offs is approximately £3m per annum, with costs met jointly by Transforming Care Partnership partners.

**Legal Implications:** The main legislative frameworks for the Positive Behavioural Support Service are the Care Act 2014 (for adults), the Children Act 1989 (for under 18s), and the principles of Mental Capacity Act 2005. These are all statutory duties and the new service will be compliant with these legislative frameworks

**Equality Implications:** An Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) has been completed and will be updated as the work to deliver the new contracts is progressed

**Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:** The proposed decision will be discussed at the Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee on 4 July 2018 and the outcome included in the paperwork which the Cabinet Member will be asked to sign.

The Council has undertaken preliminary Market Engagement and has a session planned for 18 July 2018 to finalise the service requirements and further consult with internal and external stakeholders. This will also include an outline of the procurement, including how the solutions will be discussed and formal competitive tendering.

**Any alternatives considered:** The other options considered are set out in detail in the recommendation report.

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

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