

## KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

**DECISION 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 agree 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 was discussed at the Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee on 4 July 2018. Emma Hanson (Senior Commissioner) and Clare Maynard (Head of Commissioning Portfolio – Outcome 2 and 3) were in attendance for this item

1. Clare Maynard introduced the report which set out the Kent and Medway Transforming Care Partnership which sought to develop bespoke and personalised care and support for individuals aged 14 years and over who could move from specialist/secure in-patient services to a community setting for the delivery of their care.

- a) In response to a question, Emma Hanson said that overnight care was provided to patients where appropriate.

b) In response to a question, Emma Hanson said the staff that were being recruited for the new service needed to be very experienced care workers. She said that work had been undertaken with providers to ensure that the service did not have a negative impact on other services. Penny Southern said that 43 people had been discharged from the Transforming Care programme to specialist services within Kent. She said that Adult Social Care had recently undertaken work with the University of Kent to ensure that people were appropriately trained and supported to work with people in care.

c) In response to a question, Emma Hanson said that the number of people with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) had increased. She said that Adult Social Care worked closely with the Children, Young People and Education department to ensure that intervention was in place for young people living with ASD and to ensure that they were supported. Anne Tidmarsh said that Adult Social Care had also worked closely with the NHS to develop a joint service. She said that by using enablement, the demand and need of services can be reduced and people would experience a much more fulfilled life in the community.

2. **RESOLVED** that the decision proposed to be taken by the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, 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,

be endorsed.

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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signed

12 JULY 2018

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date