

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY:

Clair Bell, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health

DECISION NO:

22/00082

For publication

Key decision: Yes

Title of Decision COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING SERVICE – CONTRACT AWARD

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

- a) **AWARD** contracts, to the successful providers identified in the exempt appendix, for the provision of Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Services (known as Live Well Kent and Medway) for a period of three years from 1 April 2023 to 30 March 2026, with the option to extend for a further two years (24 months);
- b) **DELEGATE** authority to the Corporate Director Adult Social Care and Health, after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health and the Corporate Director for Finance, to agree the relevant contract extensions as required; and
- c) **DELEGATE** authority to the Corporate Director Adult Social Care and Health to take other relevant actions, including but not limited to finalising the terms of and entering into required contracts or other legal agreements, as necessary to implement the decision.

Reason(s) for decision: The current Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Service Contract expires automatically on 31 March 2023. Following a successful procurement process there will be preferred providers to award a new Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Service Contract to, starting from 1 April 2023. The new contract will be for a maximum of three years with a two-year extension option.

The Contract is jointly commissioned by Kent County Council Adult Social Care and Public Health, Kent and Medway Integrated Care Board (K&M ICB – Formerly known as Kent & Medway Clinical Commissioning Group) and Medway Council. Medway Council will only be contributing funding for the following service element; The 24-7 Telephone and Online Support Service (Release the Pressure helpline).

The Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Service plays a vital role in ensuring the effective and timely provision of preventative and recovery mental health and wellbeing services and can help meet key priorities:

- Promote independence, social inclusion and improved quality of life
- Prevent/reduce admissions to emergency and urgent care
- Reduce the number of people entering secondary mental health care
- Reduce suicides
- Reduce levels of homelessness
- Improve economic wellbeing and reduce unemployment rates
- Respond to the high activity and complexity needs of clients living in the community and avoid need for care home admissions
- Provide more holistic solutions and reduce care packages

- Improve mental health and wellbeing
- Play a key role in the delivery of early intervention and prevention strategies.

Financial Implications: The contract is due to commence on 1 April 2023 for a period of three years (with an optional two-year extension option), unless terminated in accordance with the Conditions of Contract. The tables below outline the contract costs

**Contract costs to Adult Social Care and Public Health
(Initial 3 years and extension options)**

	Public Health	Adult Social Care
Initial 3-Year Contract Term	£6,757,945.50	£9,232,609.50
2 Year Optional Extension Period	£4,505,297.00	£6,155,073.00
Total (Initial 3-Year Contract Term + 2 Year Optional Extension Period)	£11,263,242.50	£15,387,682.50

The above contract values can be funded within the approved budget.

**Contract costs for Kent and Medway Integrated Care Board
Initial three years and extension options)**

	Kent and Medway ICB
Initial 3-Year Contract Term	£4,466,511.00
2 Year Optional Extension Period	£2,977,674.00
Total (Initial 3-Year Contract Term + 2 Optional Extension Period)	£7,444,185.00

The annual contribution from each funding partner can be found in the table below

Annual Contribution by Funding Partner

Funding Partner	Annual Contribution
KCC Public Health	£2,252,648.50
KCC Adult Social Care	£3,077,536.50
Kent and Medway Integrated Care Board	£1,488,837.00
Medway Council	£22,850.00
Total	£6,841,872.00

The service will include an annual uplift. This uplift will be solely funded by K&M ICB and therefore there is no financial commitment to KCC. The annual uplift % and amount will be agreed with K&M ICB each year for the subsequent year and will be based on known factors and budget availability.

Medway Council's contribution towards the 24-7 Telephone and Online Support Service (Release the Pressure helpline) will be £22,850 annually.

Legal Implications: A procurement exercise was undertaken to identify suitable suppliers in accordance with PCR 2015 Regulation 32(2)(c) and Procurement Policy Note 01/20. The Strategic Commissioning Division used the standard Terms and Conditions of contract. There will need to be resource allocated at the end point contract award for contracts to be signed and sealed.

A Section 256/Memorandum of Agreement will be entered in to by all funding parties to provide a framework within which to work with health partners and other local authorities and includes financial protections for KCC.

Section 2 of the Care Act 2014 places a general duty on local authorities to provide, arrange or otherwise identify services, facilities, and resources to prevent, delay or reduce the needs of adults for care and support. The Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Service contributes significantly to:

- Prevention
- Integrated partnership working and
- The provision of good quality services and goods

TUPE regulations will apply. During mobilisation, KCC needs to be conscious to mitigate the disruptive effect that this may have on current people accessing the service.

Equalities implications: An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed for the commissioning of the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Contract.

An initial assessment was undertaken prior to the public consultation and market engagement and no major issues were identified. Since then, the Equality Impact Assessment has been reviewed and no further issues have been identified.

Data Protection implications: It will be necessary for the successful Strategic Partners to complete a Data Protection Impact Assessment as they will be controlling confidential data.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation: The decision was discussed at the Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee on 28 September 2022 and the recommendations were endorsed.

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

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

Clair Bell

5 October 2022

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