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To: Children's Social Care & Health Cabinet Committee – 20 January 2015

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Subject: Children's Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Services

Classification: Unrestricted

Future Pathway Corporate Director decision recommendation report to the Cabinet Member for Specialist Children's Services

Electoral Division: All

Summary: This report gives an update on the development of the draft Emotional Wellbeing Strategy in Kent and its role in relation to the commissioning and development of emotional wellbeing and mental health services in Kent. Specifically, the report asks the Committee to endorse extensions to two key contracts in order that this strategy can be implemented effectively.

The work currently being undertaken to develop the Emotional Wellbeing Strategy and Delivery plan is a positive example of a partnership approach with service users and professionals from across the agencies working together to design and influence future commissioning plans.

Both the Children in Care element of the Children and Young People Mental Health Service contract and Emotional Wellbeing contract (Young Healthy Minds) are due to end at the same time in 2015; it is proposed that these are extended to allow this work to be concluded effectively, such that partners in Kent are able to implement a new and improved system of support for young people with emotional and mental health problems.

Recommendation(s):

The Children's Cabinet Committee is asked to:

- (i) NOTE the content of the report and that the Clinical Commissioning Groups have already agreed to extend the contract for the mainstream Children and Young People Mental Health Service.
- (ii) ENDORSE the extension of the Children in Care element of the mainstream Children and Young People Mental Health Service contract.

(iii) ENDORSE the extension of the Emotional Wellbeing Service.

(iv) ENDORSE that the Cabinet Member for Specialist Children's Services takes the decision to extend the contracts and complete the necessary paperwork to record this decision.

(v) NOTE that should contract extensions be agreed, Officers will engage with Service Providers to update specifications to reflect feedback from practitioners and young people.

1. Introduction

In July 2011, Kent County Council Cabinet Members and NHS Kent & Medway agreed to align funding in order to jointly commission new emotional wellbeing and mental health services for children and young people. This decision was made in response to significant evidence identifying the need to establish a more integrated system that would enable interventions to be delivered to children and young people in a targeted and timely fashion.

The Children's Health and Wellbeing Board has been overseeing the development of an Emotional Wellbeing Strategy. (See paper to Children's Social Care and Cabinet Committee on 3rd December 2014). The strategy has been developed by a multiagency task group including Education and Young People's services, schools, Public Health, GP's/Clinical Commissioning Groups, Safeguarding, district councils, Adult Services and Strategic Commissioning. There have been two summits to inform the strategy and wide public and professional consultation. Part 2 of the strategy will be a Delivery Plan. This is currently in development.

The Health and Wellbeing Board on 19th November 2014 was advised that the contract for the Children and Young People Mental Health service and the Emotional Wellbeing service come to an end at the same time in 2015. The Board was informed that the CCGs were in agreement in their intention to extend the contract for the mainstream Children and Young People Mental Health service for one year to allow time for the work on the strategy to be completed and the procurement of a new model. At this point Officers confirmed that Kent County Council would consider whether to do the same.

2. Financial Implications

The budget for the CIC service was agreed by the full County Council in the budget approved in February 2014, and was delegated to the Corporate Director, Social Care, Health and Wellbeing. The funding for the Emotional Wellbeing service is from the Public Health Grant.

Service	Provider	CCG Funding	KCC funding
Children and Young Peoples Mental Health (mainstream)	SPFT	£14m	0
Children and Young People Mental Health (Children in Care)	SPFT	0	£1m
Emotional Wellbeing	Young Healthy Minds	£302k	£882k

3. Member Involvement

At the request of the Cabinet Member for Specialist Children's Services, Officers have been briefing Members of the Children's Health and Social Care Cabinet Committee and Members of Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to gauge their views about a possible extension.

Extensions to the CIC element of the Children and Young People Mental Health and the Emotional Wellbeing contracts are a Key Decision. A copy of the Forward Executive Decision is attached.

4. Commissioning Options

The Emotional Wellbeing Strategy and Delivery Plan will inform future KCC and CCG commissioning intentions. It will be taken to the Children's Health and Wellbeing Board for consideration in February 2015. It is anticipated that to complete the work, undertake further consultation and develop a new specification will take until Spring/Summer 2015. After which point a procurement process would commence.

Whilst this work is taking place, a decision is needed whether or not to extend the KCC elements of the services in line with the extension of the mainstream contract.

4.1 Emotional Wellbeing

The contract for the existing Emotional Wellbeing service is due to end 31.8.15. The contract has an option to extend for 12 months.

Options appraisal – whether or not to extend the emotional wellbeing contract

Options	Advantages	Disadvantages
Option 1 – Extend	Opportunity to redesign service in line with strategy. Current provider performing well.	
Option 2 – Not extend		Loss of stability. Missed opportunity to align services and embed the work from the strategy Limited amount of time to procure an effective alternative

4.2 Mental Health services for Children in Care

The contract for the Children and Young People Mental Health services is also due to end 31.8.15. The contract has an option to extend for up to 24 months.

The CCGs have all agreed to extend the contract for the mainstream Children and Young People Mental Health service, and will proceed whichever decision the Council takes.

Options appraisal – whether or not to extend the CIC service contract.

Options	Advantages	Disadvantages
Option 1 – Extend CIC contract in line with mainstream contract	Opportunity to redesign service in line with strategy. Continuity as service improvements continue. Continued partnership	There have been concerns about performance of the current service. Despite improvement some of these concerns remain.

	working.	
Option 2 – Not extend	Opportunity to seek a provider for a dedicated CIC service.	Loss of stability. Missed opportunity to align services and embed the work from the strategy Limited amount of time to procure an effective alternative Market is untested for providers who could provide this in isolation. There will be efficiency losses by not using the same provider for both services as children/staff can move between services as needed.

As well as informing future commissioning intentions the Delivery Plan for the Emotional Wellbeing Strategy, will identify opportunities for short term service improvements which could be achieved by the existing providers within the timeframe of the extension.

If an agreement to extend the contracts is made, Officers within the Strategic Commissioning team will engage operational colleagues in Specialist Children’s Services and Education & Young People’s Services to review and adjust the current specification to ensure they deliver the short term changes and benefits that have been identified by young people.

5. Conclusions

In order to complete the work on the Emotional Wellbeing Strategy, Delivery Plan and development of a new service model with service user and market engagement it is proposed that:

- The contract for the Emotional Wellbeing service provided by Young Healthy Minds is extended for a year and
- The contract for the Children in Care element of the mainstream mental health contract is extended in line with the extension of the mainstream service contract.

Recommendation(s): (select relevant wording from below)

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6. Background Documents

Appendix A – Proposed Record of Decision

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