

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Graham Gibbens,
Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health

DECISION NO:

15/00101

For publication**Key decision**

Affects more than 1 Electoral Division and expenditure of more than £1m

Subject: INTEGRATED ADULT LEARNING DISABILITY COMMISSIONING**Decision:**

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

- a) **AGREE** that Kent County Council will enter into a Section 75 Agreement with the seven Kent Clinical Commissioning Groups, which will agree arrangements for integrated adult learning disability commissioning.
- b) **DELEGATE** authority to the Corporate Director for Social Care, Health and Wellbeing or other nominated officer to arrange sealing of the contract.

Any Interest Declared when the Decision was Taken: None expected.

Reason(s) for decision:

Establishing formal integrated commissioning arrangements will provide a consistent approach to learning disability commissioning across Kent and secure integrated and good quality care for Adults with a Learning Disability in Kent.

The integrated commissioning arrangement is consistent with KCC Strategic statement, "Increasing Opportunities, Improving Outcomes" and will ensure a joined up approach to reducing the inequalities and disadvantage faced by people with a learning disability and help the health and social care system to work together to deliver high quality community services.

Financial Implications:

It is proposed that the Section 75 Agreement will make provision for a pooled budget for the funding associated with the integrated learning disability commissioning teams. The final contributions for each partner will be set out in the Section 75 Agreement.

Legal Implications:

KCC Legal Service will lead on developing the Section 75 Agreement, which will then be reviewed and agreed by all relevant parties. KCC will be the lead agency.

Equality Implications:

The purpose of the arrangement is to consolidate learning disability commissioning expertise to ensure that there is a central point of commissioning advice which will continue to address the inequalities faced by people with learning disabilities.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

A report setting out the future plans for formal commissioning arrangements for these services was discussed at the Adult Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee on 10 July 2015 when the

Committee resolved that the information set out in the report be noted.

The proposed decision was discussed at the Adult Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee on 3 December 2015. Officers introduced the report which described the proposed integrated commissioning arrangement for Adult Learning Disability between Kent County Council and the clinical commissioning groups which, if approved in January 2016, would become operational from 1 April 2016. The report also asked the Cabinet Committee to consider and endorse or make recommendations to the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health on a proposed decision to enter into a Section 75 agreement with the seven clinical commissioning groups in Kent.

- (2) Officers tabled a diagram setting out the current arrangements to deliver integrated community learning disability teams and explained the current agreements and said that a more formal arrangement was a logical progression and would ensure a consistent approach across Kent.
- (3) In response to questions, officers said that the proposed arrangement of having two NHS staff within the commissioning teams would make the commissioning and service more sustainable. Officers also confirmed that Newton Europe were not involved in this particular commissioning process.
- (4) The Adult Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee resolved that:
 - (a) The proposed Cabinet Member decision to enter into a Section 75 agreement with the seven Kent CCGs which would agree arrangements for integrated commissioning for adults with a learning disability be endorsed;
 - (b) The delegation of authority by the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public health to the Corporate Director for Social Care, Health and Wellbeing, or other nominated officer, to arrange the sealing of the contract be endorsed.

All Clinical Commissioning Group partners have received reports and support the direction of travel.

Any alternatives considered:

There are no other viable options which would deliver an integrated approach.

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



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signed

..... 22 DECEMBER 2015
date