

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

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

DECISION NO:

16/00012

For publication

Key decision*

Affects two or more electoral districts

Subject: Young People's Substance Misuse Service – extension of contract

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health, I propose to agree to extend the contract for the Young People's Substance Misuse service until 31st March 2017, utilising the existing clause in the contract at a cost of £427,270 over 6 months.

Reason(s) for decision:

Kent's Emotional Health and Wellbeing Strategy identified the need for a stronger approach to universal services for children and young people, to meet need before issues escalate. The new service models will contribute to this universal offer, ensuring that support is available at the earliest opportunity.

Services in scope include the Young People's Substance Misuse Service as well as the Health Visiting, the Family Nurse Partnership (FNP) and the School Public Health Service (also known as the School Nursing service).

Although the Young People's Substance Misuse Service was originally in scope to be procured in this programme of work, engagement with the market advised not to integrate this specialist service. The current contract is performing well and alignment with the new CAMHS contract could bring further opportunities to integrate.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

In September 2015 a paper was presented to the Adult Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee, outlining the plan for the procurement of the public health services for children and young people.

The proposed decision to extend the Young People's Substance Misuse Service will be discussed by the Cabinet Committee at its meeting on 22 January 2016 and the outcome of this discussion will be included in the decision paperwork that the Cabinet Member will sign when he takes the decision.

A six-week public consultation on Public Health services for children and young people aged 0 – 19 ran from 2 November to 15 December 2015 and received a good level of response.

Any alternatives considered:

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

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signed

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date