

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY: Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care

DECISION NO: 17/00097

For publication

Non-Key

Subject: Health and Social Care in Prisons

Decision: As Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, I propose to:

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| a) JOINTLY COMMISSION an integrated Health and Social Care Service with NHS England; 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. |
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Reason(s) for decision: The Care Act requires Local Authorities to assess and meet the needs of persons within prisons eligible to receive care and support. Since 2014 KCC has collaborated with NHS England to utilise their existing contract for the delivery of health services in prisons, to provide social care support. This has been done via a call off contract with the incumbent provider of NHS Primary Health Care.
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Financial Implications: The proposed contract will be for three years, with a potential two year extension. The potential cost of the full contract term of five years is £953k. The proposed co-commissioning arrangement via a Section 75 agreement would utilise an alternative model to fund two full time Health Care Assistants at an annual cost to the authority of £80k per annum.
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Legal Implications: An existing Section 75 agreement has been adapted and the contents agreed with NHS England, however legal advice will be necessary to ensure the agreement is correct and the interests of the authority are protected.
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Equality Implications: An Equality Impact Assessment will be necessary and will be undertaken by NHS England.
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Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation: The proposed decision will be discussed at the Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee on 29 September 2017 and the outcome included in the paperwork which the Cabinet Member will be asked to sign.
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Any alternatives considered: None
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Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:
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