

## KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

**DECISION TAKEN BY:**  
Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care

**DECISION NO:**  
17/00113

**For publication**

**Key decision**

Affects more than 2 Electoral Divisions

**Subject: PROPOSED CHANGES TO HISTORIC MENTAL HEALTH VOLUNTARY SECTOR GRANTS**

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

- a) **INCORPORATE** the 24/7 Telephone Service, Homelessness Support Service, Service User Expenses, Supported Accommodation and Debt Counselling into the Live Well Kent Contract; and
- b) **DELEGATE** authority to the Corporate Director of Adult Social Care and Health, or other nominated officer, to undertake the actions necessary to implement the decision.

**Reason(s) for decision:** In April 2016 the majority of the mental health grants were transferred into the Live Well Kent Contract. However, there are some remaining historic grants which need to be dealt with in order to be compliant with the Council's Voluntary and Community Sector Policy. The Live Well Kent Contract has been in place for the past two years and is performing well and is now in a position to take on additional responsibilities. The grants in question have been awarded annually and have been in place in excess of ten years. Providers have applied for these grants through a closed grant application process. Performance requirements within grant arrangements are not robust and performance information is not adequate. Moving the remaining grants into different funding arrangements will provide the opportunity to improve the performance reporting and monitoring. Aligning this funding more strategically enables the Council to shape the market and further develop a whole system approach.

**Financial Implications:** The historic mental health grants are funded by Kent County Council (Adult Social Care and Public Health), Medway Council (Adult Social Care and Public Health) and all eight of the Clinical Commissioning Groups across Kent and Medway. The total value of the grants is £642k.

**Legal Implications:** There are Section 256 agreements in place with all of the seven Kent Clinical Commissioning Groups, these were drawn up when the Live Well Kent Contract was commissioned and cover all joint funding for Mental Health services. A further Section 256 is required with Medway Council as the lead commissioner on behalf of Medway CCG; it is in draft and is awaiting formal sign off.

**Equality Implications:** The existing Live Well Kent EqIA has been reviewed in relation to the additional grants detailed above and has been deemed as still appropriate and relevant. Impact on individuals will be minimal as there is no difference in service provision; the only change is to the funding arrangements

**Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:** The proposed decision was discussed at the Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee on 23 November 2017.

1. Emma Hanson introduced the report which set out the historic Mental Health Grants that the Council were required to end by 31 March 2018 under the Voluntary and Community Sector

Policy and proposed a future plan for each grant.

2. RESOLVED that the decision proposed to be taken by the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, to incorporate the 24/7 Telephone Service, Homelessness Support Service, Service User Expenses, Supported Accommodation and Debt Counselling into the Live Well Kent Contract, incorporate the Service User Forum and Mental Health Action Groups into the Healthwatch Kent Contract; and delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Adult Social Care and Health, or other nominated officer, to undertake the actions necessary to implement the decision, be endorsed.

**Any alternatives considered: None**

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



signed

28 DECEMBER 2017

date