

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health
<b>Date:</b>	25 June 2014
<b>Title:</b>	Public Health Procurement of School Nursing Services
<b>Reference:</b>	5837
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Public Health

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#### 1. The decision:

- a) That the Executive Member gives approval to increase the value of the current school nursing procurement to include the additional resource for school nursing agreed by Council on 20 February 2014 of up to a maximum of £2,500,000 over the full 5 year term of the contract from £17,609,000 to £20,109,000 and
- b) to extend the current school nursing services by a Single Tender Approval (STA) for four months to 31 July 2015 with a value of £1,173,800 and
- c) to include the responsibility for vulnerable young people that fit the criteria identified by the Supporting (Troubled) Families Programme in the service specification.

#### 2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. Subsequent to the approval to go out to tender for the school nursing service additional recurrent resource of £500,000 has been identified and approved in the public health budget (ref 5532) and approved by Council on 20 February 2014 to implement the findings of the school nursing review.
- 2.2. The increased spend will enable implementation of the Hampshire school nursing review, in particular to improve emotional wellbeing and resilience and mental health in children and young people, which is essential for good educational attainment and to improve access to school nursing services for 16-19 year olds.
- 2.3. A plan within the Supporting Troubled Families Programme to recruit a public health nurse for vulnerable young people has been challenging to realise as a stand alone appointment and including this in the school nursing service specification will enable delivery of this service.

2.4. The Single Tender Approval for four months will mitigate the potential risks to the procurement, ensure that there is no risk to delivery of the National Child Measurement Programme in 2014/15 and help to maximise the quality of provider bids.

**3. Other options considered and rejected:**

3.1. Not to include the additional funding for school nursing in the current procurement - this would mean that the findings of the school nursing review that there is an incomplete service, particularly with regard to supporting children's emotional wellbeing and mental health and in services for 16-19 year olds could not be implemented.

3.2. Procure a stand alone service within the Supporting Troubled Families Programme for vulnerable young people – this has already proved challenging and would not be sustainable.

**4. Conflicts of interest:**

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None

**5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.**

**6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.**

**7. Statement from the Decision Maker:**

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

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**25 June 2014**

**Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health  
Councillor Liz Fairhurst**