

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Health and Public Health
Date:	18 January 2016
Title:	Approval to spend for Public Health Services for Children 0-5 years
Reference:	7139
Report From:	Interim Director of Public Health

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. The purpose of this paper is to seek Executive Member approval to spend for Public Health Services for children aged 0-5 Years (Health Visiting Services), up to the maximum value of £58,127,000, for a maximum contract term of 3 years and 4 months (16 months with an option to extend for a period or periods of up to 2 years) commencing on 1 April 2017.
- 1.2. Executive Member approval was given on 24 November 2015 to put in place a Hampshire County Council (the County Council), Public Health Contract for Health Visiting Services for 12 months to March 2017 on a single tender basis (Decision Report 6971). This decision was to enable the council to re-procure the service as soon as possible.
- 1.3. The maximum contract term of 3 years and 4 months from 1 April 2017 will bring the contract for public health services 0-5 years in line with the contract period for public health services for 5-19 years olds (Public Health School Nursing services). The Public Health School Nursing contract runs until 31 July 2018 with an option to extend for a period or periods up to 2 years.
- 1.4. Aligning the contract timelines will enable the County Council to consider a new model of Public Health service to meet the needs of 0-19 year olds across Hampshire, with the option to have this in place as early as 1 August 2018 if required.

2. Contextual information

- 2.1. The Decision Report 6971 entitled “Public Health Services for Children 0-5 years” which was given Executive Member approval on 24 November 2015 provided the context for public health services for 0-5 year olds, including:
 - the changes in commissioning responsibilities from NHS England to Local Authorities in 2015;
 - the evidence for intervention in the early years through delivery of the Healthy Child Programme (HCP) 0-5 years; and
 - the government’s national plan (2011- 2015) to expand and strengthen the impact of Health Visiting services.
- 2.2. The Health Visitor Implementation Plan has been successfully delivered in Hampshire with an 89% increase in the number of Health Visitors, from March 2012 to March 2015. This is starting to enable us to support families in the transition to parenthood and in those crucial early years and will contribute to improved outcomes and reduced inequalities, including improved child development and school readiness, better mental health of mothers and children, more children who are appropriately nourished, and improved management of minor illness and accident prevention.
- 2.3. The Health Visiting service is supported by a mandate under Section 6C of the NHS Act 2006. The mandate is in place until 31 March 2017 and requires universal delivery of five key child development reviews (antenatal health visit; new baby review; 6-8 week assessment; 1 year assessment and 2- 2 ½ year assessment).
- 2.4. The Executive Member for Health and Public Health gave approval to put in place a contract on a single tender basis for the Health Visiting service with Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust for 12 months from April 2016 to March 2017, up to the value of £17,656.100 (Decision Report 6971).
- 2.5. It is proposed to put into place a new contract by way of a procurement process by 1 April 2017 using an Open or Restricted procurement process in line with the County Council’s best practice.

3. Current Issues

- 3.1. The public health services for 5-19 years olds were re-commissioned through an open procurement process during 2014/15. The specification was for a Public Health School Nursing service (based on the new national model), with the service leading and coordinating delivery of the HCP 5-19.
- 3.2. The HCP 5-19 offers children and young people a schedule of health and development reviews, screening tests, immunisations, health promotion guidance and tailored support for children and families, with additional needs when they need it most. The programme aims to:
 - help parents develop and sustain a strong bond with children
 - encourage care that keeps children healthy and safe

- protect children from serious disease, through screening and immunisation
 - reduce childhood obesity by promoting healthy eating and physical activity
 - identify health issues early, so support can be provided in a timely manner
 - make sure children are prepared for and supported in education settings
 - identify and help children, young people and families with problems that might affect their chances later in life
- 3.3. The contract for Public Health School Nursing was awarded to SHFT and commenced on 1 August 2015. The contract runs until 31 July 2018 with the option to extend for a period or periods up to 2 years.
- 3.4. With the County Council now responsible for commissioning Public Health services to meet the needs of its total population aged 0-19 years, there are opportunities to review services spanning the age range (Health Visiting and Public Health School Nursing) and consider how these might be delivered differently, possibly as one service, to improve access and outcomes for local children, young people and their families.
- 3.5. The reductions in Public Health grant funding signalled for the forthcoming years are another reason to review how these services are delivered and consider any economies of scale and efficiencies that could result from re-procuring a 0-19 Public Health service for the Hampshire population.
- 3.6. To enable the commissioning of a 0-19 Public Health service in the future it is recommended that the contract term for Public Health Services for children aged 0-5 Years (Health Visiting Services) from 1 April 2017 is aligned with the existing contract for Public Health School Nursing. This would require an initial 16 month term with an option to extend for a period or periods up to 2 years.

4. Future Direction

- 4.1. Re-procurement of a new Public Health Nursing Service 0-5 would commence in April 2016 with a start date for the new service of April 2017 (contract 16 months with an option to extend for a period or periods up to 2 years).
- 4.2. The Public Health 0-5 Commissioning Group are planning the re-procurement with a project plan in development and key documents being prepared.
- 4.3. Work continues to transform the existing service through the 2016/17 service specification and contract in order to optimise outcomes and achieve best value for the Council and for Hampshire residents.

5. Equality Impact Assessment

- 5.1. Overall this proposal will have low or no impact on people who fall within the protected characteristics groups. The Health Visiting service is already well established and is a universal service provided to all families with children aged 0-5 years and resident in Hampshire.
- 5.2. A detailed Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) was undertaken for the Decision Report, referenced 6971(Public Health Services for Children 0-5 years), 24

November (Appendix B). The EIA was reviewed for Decision Report 7139 and found to be still current.

6. Finance

- 6.1. These services are funded from the core Public Health specific grant, and the proposed annual maximum contract values are contained within the available budget allocation. Public Health will take account of the recurring financial commitment for these services when proposing any changes to future budget allocations.
- 6.2. The County Council's Public Health Grant will reduce over the next 3 years, with expected reductions of between 2.3% and 3.9% per year. Certainty over the scale of the reduction is expected in January 2016.
- 6.3. The Children 0-5 years contract will be constructed to provide contractual flexibility to adjust service provision and drive out efficiencies to ensure year on year value, including the provision to vary funding in line with any variations to the Public Health Grant received by the County Council from the Department of Health.

7. Recommendation(s)

- 7.1. That the Executive Member for Health and Public Health gives approval to spend for Public Health Services for Children 0-5 Years (Health Visiting Services) up to the maximum value of £58,127,000, for a maximum contract term of 3 years and 4 months (16 months with an option to extend for a period or periods of up to 2 years) commencing on 1 April 2017.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	yes
Maximising well-being:	yes
Enhancing our quality of place:	yes

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
Public Health Services for Children 0-5 years	6971	24 November 2015
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	
<u>The Health and Social Care Act 2012</u> http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2012/7/contents/enacted	<u>2012</u>	
<u>The Local Authorities (Public Health Functions and Entry to Premises by Local Healthwatch Representatives) and Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) (Amendment) Regulations 2015</u> http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/921/contents/made	<u>2015</u>	

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

DocumentLocation

None

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equality Impact Assessment

- 1.1. An Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken.
- 1.2. It is for the Executive Member as decision maker to have due regard to the need to:

eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Equality Act and advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
- 1.3 The Public Health Nursing Services for children 0-5 years is well established in Hampshire and provides a universal service to all resident families with children aged 0-5 years. Overall this proposal will have low or no impact on people who fall within the protected characteristics groups.
- 1.4 The requirement (through Regulation, Section 6C NHS Act 2006) to provide and improve access to 5 universal evidence based assessments/reviews will increase access and have a positive impact.
- 1.5 There will be a small positive impact for pregnant women as the service is required to increase uptake of the antenatal health promoting assessment within year.
- 1.6 In taking forward this contracting plan any potential risks to equalities will be mitigated and addressed by detailed service planning.
- 1.7 It must be noted that every aspect of Council business led by public health considers the opportunities to reduce inequalities.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

- 2.1. By definition, interventions considered to improve and protect the public's health are designed to support the citizen's of Hampshire to live safely and have improved health and health outcomes.

3. Climate Change:

- 3.1. Consideration of climate change and its impacts on the population and its current and future health forms part of the evidence informing interventions to improve and protect the public's health.