

## Officer Decision Report

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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Provision of Mental Health for Children, Young People and Adolescents</b>
<b>Date decision taken:</b>	April 2019
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<b>Local Members Affected</b>	All

### Decision

Buckinghamshire County Council and NHS Buckinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group have taken the decision to utilise the 2 year allowable extension option in the contract for the provision of Integrated Therapies for children and young people. The Executive Director for Children's Services, Buckinghamshire County Council and the Clinical Commissioning Group Executive Committee AGREED the extension as outlined below:

- Extension of contract for provision of Integrated Therapy services delivered by Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust for a further two years from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2022.
- Extension of s75 pooled budget agreement between Buckinghamshire County Council and NHS Buckinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group for the joint funding of the above contract for the same period.

The decision was taken by Buckinghamshire County Council on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019 and by NHS Buckinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019.

### Reasons for the decision

The decision was taken following discussion of the performance and quality of the current service and a review of alternative options. It was agreed that utilising the allowable 2 year extension would support the continued delivery of service transformation.

## **Authority to take this decision**

This is an allowable extension within the terms of the existing contact; therefore a formal Cabinet Member decision is not required. Given the contract value and criticality the decision was taken by the Executive Director for Children's Services, Buckinghamshire County Council in consultation with the Lead Member for Education and Skills.

This service is jointly commissioned by Buckinghamshire County Council and NHS Buckinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group. Therefore the decision was also approved by the Clinical Commissioning Group Executive Committee.

## **Other options available, and their pros and cons**

A decision could have been taken not to extend the contract and to recommission services. However, there was concern that this approach would disrupt progress towards embedding the integrated service as well as partnership work with the Local Authority and other stakeholders to support our system response for children with SEND.

## **Conflicts of interest**

None declared.

## **Feedback from Consultation**

The decision to utilise the allowable extension was made in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills, and the CCG Executive Committee.

## **Background papers**

None

## **Other**

None

## ***Your questions and views***

*If you have any questions about the matters contained in this paper please get in touch with the Contact Officer whose email address is given at the head of the paper.*