

Officer Decision Report

Title:	Provision of Mental Health for Children, Young People and Adolescents
Date decision taken:	24 th October 2019
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Local Members Affected	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 Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS). 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 CAMHS services delivered by Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust (OHFT) for a further two years from October 2020 to October 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. This extension will also be for two further years from October 2020 to October 2022.

The decision was taken by Buckinghamshire County Council on 9th September 2019 and by NHS Buckinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group on 24th October 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 in line with the NHS Long Term Plan and local priorities.

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 Children's Services.

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 the delivery of a number of key nationally funded projects which are supporting improved access and service transformation
- disrupt delivery against the priorities set out in the NHS Long Term Plan. This key national policy document published in 2019 requires the fast tracked delivery of a number of expectations.

Conflicts of interest

None declared.

Feedback from Consultation

The decision to award the contracts was made in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children's Services.

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.