

APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A S76 AGREEMENT WITH PETERBOROUGH AND CAMBRIDGESHIRE CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP

Councillor Sam Smith, Cabinet Member for Children’s Services

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Deadline date: N/A

Cabinet portfolio holder: Responsible Director:	Councillor Sam Smith, Cabinet Member for Children’s Services Wendi Ogle-Welbourn, Corporate Director for People and Communities
Is this a Key Decision?	YES If yes has it been included on the Forward Plan: Yes Unique Key decision Reference from Forward Plan: KEY/24JULY17/07
Is this decision eligible for call-in?	YES
Does this Public report have any annex that contains exempt information?	NO
Is this a project and if so has it been registered on Verto?	NO Verto number: N/A

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S

The Cabinet Member is recommended to authorise the Council entering into a Section 76 Agreement, under the National Health Service Act, with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group for payment of £250 000 relating to the speech and language therapy services (SALT) across Peterborough and Cambridgeshire

1. SUMMARY OF MAIN ISSUES

- 1.1 This report seeks the Cabinet Member for Children’s Services for approval to enter a Section 76 agreement with NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group, relating to the payment of £250 000 funding to deliver an integrated SALT service to children and young people in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

2. PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

- 2.1 This report is for the Cabinet Member for Children’s Services to consider exercising delegated authority under paragraph 3.4.3 of Part 3 of the constitution in accordance with paragraph (b) of their portfolio

3. TIMESCALE

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If Yes, date for relevant Cabinet Meeting	N/A
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4. DETAILS OF DECISION REQUIRED

- 4.1 The Speech and Language Therapy Service (SALT) is delivered by Peterborough and Cambridgeshire Foundation Trust (CPFT) in Peterborough, and Cambridgeshire Community Services (CCS) in Cambridgeshire. The service is commissioned by Peterborough City Council, the Clinical Commissioning Group and Cambridgeshire County Council. There has been increasing demand for services over time, which has resulted in significant waiting times for families to access SALT services, particularly in Peterborough. Evidence and feedback from people who use services, providers who deliver services, and commissioners who arrange the services consistently advised that some of the services provided across Peterborough and Cambridgeshire are fragmented and disjointed. This for some means that interventions are not delivering the best outcomes that they could.
- 4.2 It was therefore agreed by both commissioners and service providers that the service required urgent review, looking to develop appropriate pathways to services, including a focus of early intervention. The review also focused on a model to be shared across Peterborough and Cambridgeshire, to bring together a consistent model for the two neighbouring authorities.
- 4.3 Over the last 12 months this review has been undertaken. The review included a range of quantitative and qualitative analysis as well as two stakeholder surveys along with a series of semi structured interviews with a wider range of stakeholders. As a result of this work a new model of delivery has been developed which will .
- 4.4 The review identified that most Local Authorities contribute to the SALT contracts through joint commissioning arrangements. This is one of few areas who do not jointly commission Speech and Language services, as per the Code of Practice for SEND 0 – 25 and the Children and Families Act. Currently the Local Authorities are funding speech, language and communication needs in an ad hoc way via Education and Healthcare Plans and through Tribunal outcomes. The commissioning Unit, consisting Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group, Peterborough City Council and Cambridgeshire County Council therefore agreed to jointly commissioning the SALT services.
- 4.5 The approach is wholly consistent with the current direction of travel, in terms of aiming to deliver integrated models of support for children, young people and families across Peterborough and Cambridgeshire, focusing on early identification and prevention that builds resilience in families and communities. The approach also is in line with the aim to create models of delivery that changes the fragmented and complex commissioning arrangements within public services. The model to be developed will also support the aim to decrease inefficiencies and stop duplication as well as responding to the pressures on resources by looking to do things differently as opposed to reducing services.
- 4.6 The funding to be paid to the CCG under this agreement will be £250 000.

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The review of the service included wide consultation with a wide range of key stakeholders and partners. Stakeholders were invited to participate in survey and stakeholder events Stakeholders Included:
- Secondary, primary and special schools
 - All Early Years Settings
 - Children's Centres
 - Employees at Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council including the SEN and Early Years practitioners

- Employees of CPFT and CCS
- Parents
- Representative of the CCG
- Speech and Language therapist from Peterborough and Cambridgeshire

6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

- 6.1 Funding from the Council that ensures the integrated provision of SALT services for children, young people and their families.

7. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS & ANY RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 7.1 The Section 76 agreement will enable the delivery of an integrated and consistent Speech and Language Therapy for children, thereby improving outcomes for children and young people.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 8.1 To do nothing – this was rejected as the agreement between Peterborough City Council, Cambridgeshire County Council and the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCG enable to delivery of a wider range of services to children and young people, which will improve outcomes for this group.

9. IMPLICATIONS

Legal Implications

- 9.1 Section 76 of the National Health Service Act 2006 (as amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012) and the National Health Service (Conditions relating to Payments by Local Authorities to NHS Bodies) Directions 2013 permit payments to be made by a local authority to a clinical commissioning group. This is for expenditure incurred or to be incurred in connection with the performance of prescribed functions which includes the services set out in this report.

Financial Implications

- 9.2 The financial commitment for the S76 is for the financial period 2017/18.

Equalities implications

- 9.3 There are no equalities implications arising from this decision.

10. DECLARATIONS / CONFLICTS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

- 10.1 None.

11. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985) and The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

None