

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

Councillor Lynne Ayres, Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education, Skills and the University

**Deadline date: 19 July 2021**

Cabinet portfolio holder: Responsible Director:	Councillor Lynn Ayres, Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education, Skills and the University Wendi Ogle-Welbourn, Executive Director for People and Communities
Is this a Key Decision?	YES Forward Plan Reference: KEY/19JUL21/03
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?	N/A

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

The Cabinet Member is recommended to:

1. Authorise the Council to enter into a Section 76 Agreement under the National Health Service Act 2006 with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group for the payment of £750,000 for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2026 relating to the Children and Young People's Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Services across Peterborough.

**1. PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT**

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2 This report seeks approval from the Cabinet Member for Children's Services to enter a Section 76 agreement with NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), relating to the payment of £750,000 to be paid to Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group to deliver Children and Young People's Emotional Well Being and Mental Health Services in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. This is made up of £500,000 from core budget and £250,000 from PCC Public Health over the 5-year period.

- 1.3 The agreement would seek to cover the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2026. This request is for a five-year period.

## 2. TIMESCALE

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	<b>NO</b>	If Yes, date for relevant Cabinet Meeting	<b>N/A</b>
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## 3. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 During 2016/17 counselling services for children and young people across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough were jointly commissioned between Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCG (CCG), Peterborough City Council (PCC) and Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC). CHUMS were awarded the contract and commenced service delivery in January 2018. PCC is the lead authority managing the contract on behalf of the three organisations, although it is jointly monitored.
- 3.2 The service model was based on the Thrive Framework, a framework being adopted across Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMH) locally. The service sits in the 'Getting Help' quadrant of the Thrive Framework, supporting those experiencing mild to moderate mental health issues. Those children and young people that sit within the 'Getting Help' needs- based group require specific targeted outcomes-focused interventions.
- 3.3 The contract for the CHUMS service is due to expire on 30th June 2021 and therefore it needs to be re-commissioned in an appropriate way to ensure the best outcomes for children and young people in Peterborough.
- 3.4 This service provides vital evidence-based support for children and young people in Peterborough, catering for those whose needs would not be met by other commissioned services with higher 'thresholds' for support i.e., Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Foundation Trust (CPFT) Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) who support those with a more severe need and those in crisis. This service helps to prevent children and young people reaching crisis.
- 3.5 The problems experienced by CHUMS, very high referral rates, and more general ongoing feedback from service users and professionals, has highlighted the key challenges with the local mental health system. Children and young people are rebounding around services, and silo working is causing confusion for families and professionals left trying to navigate the plethora of unconnected services. The 2019 Children and Young People's Mental Health Needs Assessment produced by Public Health highlighted further the growing needs and gaps in mental health provision for children and young people.
- 3.6 Covid-19 has enhanced and accelerated collaborations between providers in the children and young people's mental health system to stop duplication and to start to coordinate their efforts. Initially through joint working on a telephone support line but also working with CPFT on managing high risk cases. This has shown commissioners that a local partnership and collaboration model is a realistic option to better meet children and young people's mental health needs in the future.

## 4. CONSULTATION

4.1 The review and redesign of this service included county wide consultation with key stakeholders, partners, and providers. Stakeholders were invited to participate in surveys and stakeholder events. Stakeholders included:

- Young People
- CCG (including: Transforming Care and Learning Disabilities, SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities), Safeguarding, Primary Care)
- Youth Support Services
- Local Authorities (Cambridgeshire and Peterborough)
- Prevention and Early Help Services
- Emotional Health and well-being services
- Secondary schools
- Social, emotional, and mental health professionals
- Public Health
- SEND services
- Voluntary sector organisations
- Family Support Services
- Mental Health Trusts (CAMHS and Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS Trust)
- Independent patient voice (Healthwatch)
- STP
- 51 Service provider (Local organisations and providers from other parts of UK)

4.2 The consultation processes are ongoing refining the design to ensure a local collaborative model delivering services that meet the needs of children and young people.

## **5. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES**

5.1 Funding from the Council will support the integrated provision for children and young people's mental health. Commissioners are looking for local collaborative solutions as the lives of many children and young people are complex and their wellbeing deeply interconnected with financial hardship, housing, friendship, relations, life opportunities and the digital world. This is too big and too complex for anyone provider to deliver effectively. Commissioners are working with organisations that know our local communities, understand our children and young people and are willing to pool their resources, efforts, and expertise to create a better mental health system with capacity and efficiencies to reach children and improve their outcomes.

## **6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

6.1 The Section 76 agreement will enable the delivery of an integrated and consistent Children and Young people's Emotional Well Being and Mental Health Services across Peterborough thereby improving outcomes for children and young people.

## **7. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

7.1 To do nothing – this has been rejected as the joint agreement between Peterborough City Council, Cambridgeshire County Council and the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCG has led to improved outcomes as detailed in section 3.4.

## **8. IMPLICATIONS**

### **8.1 Legal Implications**

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.

## **8.2 Financial Implications**

As a result of financial pressures, £70,000 of PCC Public Health funding is removed from the re-commissioned contract. The funding allocated to be paid to the CCG (lead commissioners) over the 5 years of this contract via the Section 76 arrangement will be £750,000 from Peterborough City Council and £1,750,000 from Cambridgeshire County Council. This allocation has been realigned so that the split between PCC (30%) and CCC (70%) is reflective of population size and activity.

The CCG are increasing their budget contribution to this contract across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough with an uplift bringing the total annual budget for 2021/22 to £1.7 million. The CCG will increase their investment further for 2022/23 and 2023/24. This additional investment is welcome and there is still a need for the children and young people's mental health system to work efficiently and seamlessly as possible.

## **8.3 Equalities implications**

This service is for children and young people with emotional wellbeing and mental health concerns. Without these services, children and young people will not be able to reach their full potential. Therefore provision of mental health services helps improve children and young people's wellbeing and life opportunities for those in need of support.

## **8.4 Carbon Impact Implications**

Following completion of the Carbon Impact Assessment, there have been no specific implications identified

## **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

11.1 None