

APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A S256 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: 1 April 2022

Cabinet portfolio holder: Responsible Director:	Councillor Lynn Ayres, Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education, Skills and the University Charlotte Black, Acting Executive Director for People and Communities
Is this a Key Decision?	YES Forward Plan Reference No: KEY/03JAN22/01
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

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Cabinet Member is recommended to:

1. Authorise the Council to enter into a Section 256 Agreement (pursuant to section 256 NHS Act 2006) with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group for receipt of funding relating to health funded support to children and young people and their families for the financial years 2022/23 and 2023/2024.

1. PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

- 1.1 This report is for the Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education, Skills and the University 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 the Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education, Skills and the University approval to enter a Section 256 agreement with NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group. The agreement relates to the receipt of funding to deliver health funded support to children and young people and their families in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.
- 1.3 The agreement would seek to cover the periods April 2022 to March 2023 and April 2023 to March 2024.

2. TIMESCALE

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

- 3.1 The Children and Young People's Local Transformation Plan (2015 – 2021) provided a collective vision for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to address the emotional and mental health needs of its children and young people's population. It was developed to promote and improve the emotional wellbeing and mental health for children and young people (CYP) in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, in line with the national ambition to increase the number of children and young people able to access emotional and mental health services. The plan recognised the importance of enabling parents and families to support their children and young people with mental health and wellbeing needs.
- 3.2 The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group are currently consulting on the new Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy. This strategy will set out the plans for the next 3 to 5 years. Peterborough City Council and Cambridgeshire County Council will continue as key stakeholders in delivering the Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy. Whilst a new strategy is being developed, the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group are committed to continue to support services delivered across Peterborough and Cambridgeshire, which are part of the current emotional health and wellbeing agreement.
- 3.3 Funding has been allocated to Peterborough City Council by Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group to provide a range of emotional health and wellbeing services for children, young people and families.
- 3.4 Pursuant to Section 256 of the National Health Service Act 2006, payments will be made from Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group to the Council under a section 256 agreement.
- 3.5 The funding agreement will be in place for up to a two-year period. Funding is passported under a Section 256 agreement to Peterborough City Council, for jointly commissioned services. Recharges are then arranged between Local Authorities to ensure all outlay is recouped to ensure balanced accounts. The total amount of funding to be received by the Councils under this agreement will be £362,000 to cover the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.
- 3.6 Any additional funding for 2023/24 will be confirmed prior to the 2023/24 financial year.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 The Local Transformation Plan involved significant involvement of key stakeholders, including Cambridgeshire County Council, Peterborough City Council, the Clinical Commissioning Group, local providers, voluntary sector organisations and schools. Delivery plans have been built around the identified need and consultation. Children, young people and their families, including carers were also engaged in developing the Local Transformation Plan. This engagement continues through local parent participation groups who continue to provide feedback on services.
- 4.2 Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group are currently consulting on the new Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy, which involves engagement is a wide

range of stakeholders including the Local Authorities, voluntary sector providers, schools as well as young people.

5. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

- 5.1 Funding for the Council ensures the integrated provision of emotional and mental health provision for children, young people and their families.

6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 The Section 256 agreement will enable the delivery of a range of services for children, young people and their families, which will be delivered in an integrated way with key partners, thereby improving outcomes for children and young people.

7. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 7.1 To do nothing – this was rejected as the agreement between Peterborough City Council and the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group enables the delivery of a wider range of services to parents, children and young people, which will improve outcomes for this group.

8. IMPLICATIONS

8.1 Legal Implications

Section 256 of the National Health Service Act 2006 provides authority for a clinical commissioning group to make payments to a local authority if the clinical commissioning group is satisfied that the payment is likely to secure a more effective use of public funds than the deployment of an equivalent amount on the provision of services.

A section 256 agreement shall be entered into between the Council and CCG.

8.2 Financial Implications

The S256 Agreement allows the Council to access and use CCG funding relating to health support to children and young people and their families from 2022 to 2024.

8.3 Equalities implications

There are no equalities implications arising from this decision.

8.4 Carbon Impact Implications

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

9. DECLARATIONS / CONFLICTS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

- 9.1 None.

10. 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

10.1 Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Local Transformation Plan for Children and Young People's Emotional / Mental Health and Well Being