Appendix 2 – Home & Community Support Workstream Chronology

Timeline	Activity
Jan-March	There was a review of Home & Community Support arrangements in
2021	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough for children & young people.
September	The governance was secured to enable PCC to utilise CCC's Home & Community
2021	Support Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS).
January –	Children's Commissioning developed a Generic Support specification specific to
March 2022	children & young people, alongside an associated pricing schedule, following approval at CMT and P&C JCB.
April-June	The following steps were completed, as advised by CMT in March-April 2022 before
2022	proceeding to seek approval from P&C JCB to formally approve the development of a
	Home & Community Support DPS specifically for children & young people.
	 Further market engagement, ascertaining interest in a children/young people specific DPS and focusing on the feasibility and attractiveness of block contract options alongside this.
	 Primary consultation with parent carers to inform the shape of the
	commissioning arrangements, and specifications therein.
	 Continue working with Adults Commissioning to ensure consideration is made regarding the strategic direction and commissioning intentions within the adult market.
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Jan-March 2021	There was a review of Home & Community Support arrangements in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough for children & young people. At this time, CCC used the Home & Community Support DPS, also used to procure Home Care for adults. In Peterborough, there were ad hoc arrangements as the Peterborough Home Care Framework was specific to adults.
March-April 2021	This was focused on market engagement and increasing the number of providers working with children & young people on the Home & Community Support DPS. Initially, this was successful; increasing the number of providers from 4 to 7. This increase did not have the effect of meeting increasing demand; whilst CCC's Community Support Service (CSS) monopolised delivery, there continued to be unmet need.
May 2021	Due to the difficulties across both Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and following a review of the options being taken by Adults' Commissioning, a proposal was taken to CMT regarding a children & young person specific Home Care Framework. CMT instead suggested there be further targeted market engagement, a focus on how the existing Home & Community Support DPS could be used; concerns were also raised regarding exacerbating transitions into adulthood.
August 2021	An update was presented to CMT . This proposed that PCC be able to utilise the Home & Community Support DPS; it also proposed introducing a generic specification for children/young people as all support was being procured through the complex specification. CMT approved this; a variation has since been applied to the contract to introduce this generic specification. These proposals were then endorsed by P&C JCB.

September 2021	The governance was secured to enable PCC to utilise CCC's Home & Community Support Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS); thereby providing consistency in Quality Assurance mechanisms across Cambridgeshire & Peterborough. This had limited success as the number of providers working with children & young people on the Home & Community Support DPS again decreased.
October- December 2021	Children's Commissioning worked with Brokerage/Procurement to focus on Market Engagement ; the detail and findings of which are outlined in Section 2.5.
January – March 2022	Children's Commissioning developed a Generic Support specification specific to children & young people, alongside an associated pricing schedule, following approval at CMT and P&C JCB. This was implemented to avoid Home & Community Support for children & young people being procured solely from the Complex Support specification. The contract variation has been issued to implement this generic specification.
March-April 2022	CMT approved opening the existing shared Home & Community Support DPS specifically for children & young people; as part of short-term measure to increase capacity. CMT also endorsed the development of a Home & Community Support DPS specifically for children & young people; as part of the long-term measures to increase capacity.
April-June 2022	Opening the DPS was completed prior to the Summer, following by due diligence processes; this resulted in 9 new providers on the DPS in a position to provide Home & Community Support to children & young people.
July – September 2022	The following steps were completed, as advised by CMT in March-April 2022 before proceeding to seek approval from P&C JCB to formally approve the development of a Home & Community Support DPS specifically for children & young people. Further market engagement, ascertaining interest in a children/young people specific DPS and focusing on the feasibility and attractiveness of block contract options alongside this. Primary consultation with parent carers to inform the shape of the commissioning arrangements, and specifications therein. Continue working with Adults Commissioning to ensure consideration is made regarding the strategic direction and commissioning intentions within the adult market.
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