

Delegated Cabinet Member Decision (Direct Award £143,536) Report

Decision Maker and Portfolio area: Helen Lockwood, Deputy Chief Executive People and Place

Date of Decision: 09.06.2019

Subject: Additional Speech, Language Therapy Service - Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust

Report Author: Paula Healey

Ward(s) Affected: No

Reason for the decision:

Since 2010, Oldham has contributed to the funding of speech and language therapy (SLT) services through Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust.

The funding has been used to provide SLT services across early years, primary and secondary phases.

2018-19 contract value:

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| • Early Years | £ 22,884 |
| • Primary & Secondary | £ 83,652 |
| Total | £ 106,536 |

Where a child or young person's speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) affect their ability to learn and access the curriculum, the service is provided to their education setting. Packages of care are tailored to the needs of the child and could include, as appropriate, detailed assessment and reports, input into individual education plans; demonstration of strategies for implementation in the classroom; training around SLCNs for professionals; direct therapy in the educational setting where appropriate for a specified period of time.

Therefore, permission is being sought to continue with the current funding arrangements, with a revised contract and service specification for April 19-20.

The revised contract will include additional funding for a speech and language therapist to work directly with children and young people and professionals identified through Oldham Virtual School.

The estimated cost for this post is £37k for 1 year 0.6 FTE funded through Pupil Premium Plus.

Summary:

This report seeks exemption from contract procedure rules in order to make a direct award to Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust, to provide an enhanced level of speech and language therapy services to children and young people across the borough.

The service will be delivered in conjunction with the main SLT contract between Pennine Care and NHS Oldham CCG

The service will be delivered within educational settings and focused on enabling children and young people to access the curriculum

During the contract period work will take place between Oldham Council and the CCG to develop a joint commissioning strategy for speech and language services for Oldham.

What are the alternative option(s) to be considered? Please give the reason(s) for recommendation(s):

Option1: Direct award to Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust (as set out above)

Option2: Seek quotes via the chest. - This Option would pose a significant risk in the following areas:

- Fragmentation of SLT services across two providers
- Silo working
- Two providers delivering SLT services to education settings
- Lack of cohesive approach and consistency of support and messages affecting quality of support to children and education settings

Recommendation(s):

That permission is given to make a direct award to Pennine care Foundation Trust NHS

Implications:

What are the financial implications?

The re-award of the historic contract will be a continuation of existing arrangements and the

£107k costs can be met from within the Council's High Needs Block DSG allocation.

The revised contract includes a 0.6 FTE speech and language therapist at a cost of £37k for 1 year. This will be funded through the Pupil Premium grant.

(James Postle)

What are the **procurement** implications?

OMBC CPR's 21.3 (K) grant an exemption in exceptional circumstances "where an extension for a particular period can be justified for example where a service review includes the intention to co terminate relevant contracts". The Council has continued to pay SLT services from Pennine Care Foundation Trust since the last formal contract expired in 2011 and the proposal is to continue with the existing arrangements for another year. This requirement due to the specialist nature of this service to young person that can only be carried out by Pennie Care Foundation Trust. It is jointly commission the service with the CCG. Mohammad Sharif 22/05/2019 Interim Sourcing. (Mohammed Shaif)

What are the **legal** implications?

There is a provision within Rule 21.3 (k) of the Council's Contract Procedure Rules to grant an exemption in exceptional circumstances "where an extension for a particular period can be justified for example where a service review includes the intention to co terminate relevant contracts". The Council has continued to pay for SLT services from Pennine Care Foundation Trust since the last formal contract expired in 2011 and the proposal is to continue with the existing arrangements for another year. The Council plans to jointly commission the service with the CCG from the beginning of the next financial year. (Elizabeth Cunningham Doyle)

What are the **Human Resources** implications?

None

Equality and Diversity Impact Assessment attached or not required because (please give reason)

Not Required

What are the **property** implications

None

Risks:

Risk	Mitigation
Direct award may not present value for money	We will utilise a robust commissioning methodology and will specify output and outcomes desired from the grant We will work with procurement, finance and legal services to develop robust monitoring and evaluation arrangements.

Co-operative agenda

As a Co-operative Council, Oldham is committed to delivering high quality outcomes for Oldham's young people. The proposed approach will continue to support all young people to access the curriculum, ensuring we continue to deliver a high quality provision across our education system. (Jonathan Downs, SPP)

Has the relevant Legal Officer confirmed that the recommendations within this report are lawful and comply with the Council's Constitution?

Yes

Has the relevant Finance Officer confirmed that any expenditure referred to within this report is consistent with the Council's budget?

Yes

Are any of the recommendations within this report contrary to the Policy Framework of the Council?

No

List of Background Papers under Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972:

There are no background papers for this report

Report Author Sign-off:	
Paula Healey	
Date: 24.5.2019	

Please list any appendices:- NONE

In consultation with

(Relevant Executive Director/Director

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Date: _____

