

**Oldham Borough Council  
Record of Decision**



1. **TITLE:** Genetics Outreach Service Extension

2. **SERVICE AREA:**

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

To ensure that Oldham has a high quality community outreach service addressing genetics risk.

The purpose of the report is to seek approval to extend the current contract for the provision of Oldham's Genetic Outreach Service from 1 April 2024 for a period of two years up until 31 March 2026. The service provides culturally sensitive and appropriate support for communities within Oldham, working with affected families with genetic condition, as well as raising awareness within communities of genetic risks.

4. **DECISION MADE BY:** Director of Public Health

5. **DECISION:**

RESOLVED - That:

The contract extension period has been approved to continue with the current provision to support families in Oldham affected by genetic conditions, as well as raising awareness within communities of genetic risks.

6. **REASON FOR DECISION**

As detailed in the Purpose section.

Option 1 - To cease commissioning the Genetic Outreach Service beyond the initial term of the current contract.

This would not address the issue of consanguinity and its impact on child health in Oldham.

Option 2 - To approve contract extension for existing provision.

This is the preferred option. The service will continue to work with families around genetic risk in order to address the increased risk of deaths in children related to genetic risks, a contributing factor to high rates of infant mortality in the borough.

7. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

8. **INTERESTS AND NATURE OF INTERESTS DECLARED**

None

9. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:**

10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Delegated Officer Report - Genetics Outreach Service Extension