

**Oldham Borough Council
Record of Decision**



1. **TITLE:** Short term placement for a Digital Analysts with the NCA

2. **SERVICE AREA:** Public Health

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

Through a section 75 partnership agreement, approved at cabinet, the NHS NCA jointly deliver Oldham's Integrated Children's and Families service for the provision of Health Visiting, School Nursing and the specialist targeted team for vulnerable families. The service is currently under significant pressure in the administration and management of ineffective patient recording keeping systems. The short-term position of a digital project manager would allow for the reconfiguration of 'SystemOne' - the NHS patient record system- to enable the integration of clinical pathways and data transfer in a digital format. Long term this will significantly reduce the paper-based transfer of information and ensure a more efficient and effective way of working.

4. **DECISION MADE BY:** Cabinet Member - Adults, Health and Wellbeing

5. **DECISION:**

RESOLVED - That:

Approval to draw down funds from the Public Health 0-19 reserve to the value of £119,354 over an 18-month period. This funding would be made available to the Integrated Children's and Families service – specifically the NHS NCA delivery arm for the recruitment of staff via NHS Professionals.

6. **REASON FOR DECISION**

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7. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

Option 1 - To transfer funds to the NCA for the short term placement of a digital analysts to support the integrated children's and families service (preferred Option)

Option 2 - To not proceed and maintain a system that is heavily paper based where staff capacity is used to upload patient records manual that can result in delays to clinicians accessing the patient records in full.

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

None

9. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:** Not applicable

10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Short term placement of a digital analyst in the NCA