

**Oldham Borough Council**  
**Record of Decision**

1. **TITLE:** Family Hubs Parent Infant Mental Health Services (PIMHS) Contract from January 2026

2. **SERVICE AREA:** Children's Social Care Services

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

Oldham Council currently commission Pennine Care to deliver Parent Infant Mental Health Services (PIMHS) as part of the Family Hubs Offer. The original contract was awarded for two years and will end on 6 January 2026 with no option to extend.

A new contract for 1 year could be awarded via Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Direct Award Option C. This option would avoid losing skilled, clinical staff and a potential gap in service delivery. It would also allow time to consider future commissioning arrangements

4. **DECISION MADE BY:** Cabinet Member - Children and Young People Services

5. **DECISION:**

RESOLVED - That:

To approve the award of a further one-year contract to Pennine Care for the delivery of PIMHS from 7 January 2026 up to 31 January 2027 and following a successful Provider Selection Regime (PSR) exercise. Funding is available within the Family Hubs budget.

6. **ALTERNATIVE OPTION CONSIDERED**

Option 1 (preferred Option) - To approve the award of a further one-year contract to Pennine Care for the delivery of PIMHS from 7 January 2026 up to 30 January 2027 and following a successful Provider Selection Regime (PSR) exercise. Funding is available within the Family Hubs budget.

Option 2 - Allow the contract to end in January 2026 and look at commissioning options after this point. This is not recommended as there would be a gap in service and highly skilled staff with Oldham locality knowledge would be lost. Any procurement process would take time to complete, and a new service would have to recruit staff.

7. **REASON FOR THE DECISION**

There is a risk that by not awarding this contract, a gap in service could occur, and/or staff could seek alternative employment due to the lack of job security.

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

None

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

10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Family Hubs PIMHS Contract from January 2026