

Cabinet – 15th December 2025
Minute 6 - Extension of a Section 75 Agreement with NHS Northern Care Alliance

6. The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Public Health which advised members that Oldham Council and the Northern Care Alliance NHS Foundation Trust (NCA) had an established working arrangement to deliver integrated children and family services under a Section 75 agreement. This agreement has been in place since 1st April 2022 and was set to run until 31st March 2026. All elements of the integrated children's and families service were funded through the Public Health settlement.

The Cabinet was recommended to approve the extension of the section 75 agreement with the Northern Care Alliance NHS Foundation Trust, to enable the continued deliverance of the clinical elements of the integrated children's and families' service.

Options/Alternatives considered:

Option 1 (preferred Option) - to approve the recommendations outlined in the submitted report.

Option 2 - Do not continue with a mandated Public Health function of the Healthy Child programme.

Option 3 - To go out to the market and procure a service, via a tendering process.

Resolved

That the Cabinet approves:

1. The extension of the Section 75 Partnership Agreement with the Northern Care Alliance NHS Foundation Trust, to deliver the clinical elements of the integrated children's and families service for a period of 2 years with an option to extend by a further 1 year.
2. To delegate authority to the Director of Public Health, in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member, to approve any future extensions to the Section 75 agreement where there is budget available.
3. To delegate authority to the relevant officers to negotiate and execute any revisions of the Section 75 agreement.
4. To delegate authority to the relevant officers to harmonize the 0-19 specification with Bury and Rochdale to allow for greater consistency, whilst ensuring that an appropriate locality schedule reflects the current delivery model in Oldham.