

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet member health and adult wellbeing

Title	NHS Health Checks Contract Extension
Decision maker	Cabinet member health and adult wellbeing Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here: http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251
Date of decision	9 September 2019
Report exemption class	Open
Reason for being a key decision	This is a key decision because it is likely to result in the council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the council's budget for the service or function concerned. A threshold of £500,000 is regarded as significant.
A notice was served in accordance with Part 3 (Key decisions) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.	
General exception or special urgency (as defined in the constitution)	No
Purpose	<p>This report seeks the approval of a 1 year extension to the current contractual arrangement for the delivery of NHS Healthchecks to 31 March 2021.</p> <p>It is recommended that the council directly award a contract extension to Taurus Healthcare to continue to provide NHS Health Checks, including identification and invitations to the eligible population (residents aged 40-74 and not on existing disease registers). This is based on Taurus Healthcare, as the GP Federation, being the only body currently capable of accessing GP practice lists and able to utilise the day-to-day contact and interaction GPs already have with the patient base.</p> <p>A contract extension is also recommended to allow time for the establishment of the new Primary Care Networks. The intention will be to work with Taurus Healthcare as a key strategic partner and as part of a multi-disciplinary steering group to ensure relationships are developed with primary care network directors to support the improvement of the health check service delivery and</p>

	<p>targeting.</p> <p>The existing contract is due to expire on 31/03/2020. The recommendations being made take account of the evidence base, lessons learnt following review of the current service provision and acknowledgement of the development work taking place to establish Primary Care networks throughout the county.</p>
Decision	<p>That:</p> <p>(a) a 1 year contract extension be awarded to Taurus Healthcare at a value of up to a maximum of £200,000 to provide NHS Health Checks in the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021.</p>
Reason for the decision	<p>As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at</p> <p>http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Ild=50031224</p>
Options considered	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Allow the existing contract for NHS Health Checks to expire on 31 March 2020 and the service to cease. This option is not recommended as this service is key to improving the health of the local population and is a mandated function of upper tier councils. 2. There is potential for the service to be provided using a delivery model of any qualified provider (AQP). This option is not currently recommended, as a previously commissioned model of this type did not meet expected targets as most of the approved providers were unable to market and deliver services in the county. This is because GP practice lists are the only available data source for inviting the eligible population to a health check. To date it has not been possible to secure a suitable process for accessing this information through data sharing agreements. Whilst this could be challenged, the current timing of this award during a period of change for primary care and the development of primary care networks creates a challenging environment for the renegotiation of this. As a consequence, GP organisations are the only practical option for delivery of the service, all GP practices in Herefordshire use Taurus Healthcare as their federation and vehicle for contractual arrangements and many smaller practices will continue to do so throughout the development of Primary care Networks. 3. To invite competitive tender to contract with a single external provider. This option is not recommended because evidence from the previous AQP model has shown that securing a suitable process for data sharing of the eligible population lists from GP practices has been

	ineffective, following evaluation of available provision and discussion with neighbouring counties it is clear that there is a very limited market for competitive tender. The majority of areas contract directly with GP practices or via federations, those with the highest performance contract directly with practices.
Declarations of interest (see ▪ below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	13 September 2019

<p>Councillor:</p> <p>Cabinet member health and adult wellbeing (Councillor Pauline Crockett)</p>	<p>Date 9 September 2019</p>
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- a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;
- and
- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted.