

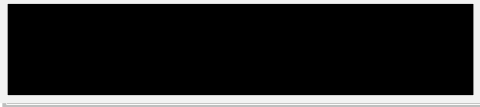
Record of officer decision

Decision title	Commissioning intentions for universal and early help services for children, young people and families – award of contract to implement new Public Health Nursing (0-25 years) service
Date of decision:	12 January 2018
Decision maker (job title):	Director for Adults and wellbeing
Authority for delegated decision (e.g. cabinet decision or scheme of delegation – provide reference):	http://hc-modgov:9070/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=4820
Ward:	Countywide
If relevant, summarise cabinet member and/or ward member consultation:	<p>Consultation on the delivery of a new Public Health Nursing Service (0-25) was undertaken as part of the original decision making process which was approved by Cabinet on 26 October 2017.</p> <p>Additionally, communication was circulated outlining intentions to award to Wye Valley NHS Trust, with details of the consultation and procurement [evaluation] process carried out. This was circulated on 18 December 2017 to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor J. G. Lester (Children and Young People's Wellbeing) • Councillor P. Rone (Health and Wellbeing) • Chris Baird (Director for Children's Wellbeing) • Andrew Lovegrove (Chief Finance Officer)
Decision made:	To award the contract for delivery of the new Public Health Nursing Service (0-25 years) to Wye Valley NHS Trust.
Reasons for decision (if a report was produced to support the decision, refer to and attach the same):	<p>The award of a new Public Health Nursing Service (0 – 25 years) contract will ensure the delivery of the revised service in accordance with council contract procedure rules following a competitive tender process as required by Cabinet member's decision on 26 October 2017, which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • approved a procurement exercise for the provision of the Herefordshire Public Health Nursing Service (0 – 25 years) • delegated authority to the Director for Adults and Wellbeing to award the contract within the specified budget. <p>The provider responded to a number of quality questions, which were evaluated by council officers and other key stakeholders, as well as an evaluation by a panel of young people for one of the questions. A financial evaluation of the organisation was also undertaken.</p>

	<p>The recommendation to award contract is based on the results of the evaluation carried out by the Evaluation Panel. The Procurement Report provides a summary of the procurement process undertaken.</p> <p>The submission was within the allocated budget for the service and met the quality standards.</p> <p>Appendix 1: PHN Tender Evaluation final report</p> <p>Appendix 2: PHN Tender Evaluation final scoring</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>PHN Tender Evaluation final (2).doc</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>PHN Tender Evaluation final scoring</p> </div> </div>
<p>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</p>	<p>The absence of the expected parliamentary bill on business rate localisation in the Queen’s Speech of June 2017 has left the future position of Public Health funding uncertain. There had been an expectation that from April 2019, locally retained business rates would be used to fund Public Health budgets: this is no longer clear. However, the council continues to have a statutory responsibility to commission services for 0-19yr olds (and up to 25yrs for those with a disability or special health needs).</p> <p>In order to maintain flexibility within a potentially changing financial environment, the contract will include appropriate conditions regarding contract extension, as well as clear terms for early termination, i.e., there is a risk that changes in national policy and funding may require significant shifts in the services.</p> <p>It is proposed that performance management and the oversight of contracts is tightly controlled across early years, early help and public health nursing in order to ensure that the relevant contributions to outcomes are identified and achieved. In order to achieve contracts that deliver the intended outcomes and performance, budgets will include an allowance of up to 2% to provide robust contract performance and management.</p> <p>The Health and Social Care Act 2012 sets out a local authority’s statutory responsibility for delivering and commissioning public health services for children and young people aged 5-19 years (up to 25 years for young people with a disability or life limiting condition). Responsibility for children’s public health commissioning for 0-5 year olds, specifically health visiting, transferred from NHS England to local authorities on 1 October 2015.</p> <p>The new Public Health Nursing services (0-25 years) delivered will apply to all individuals equally, regardless of protected characteristics.</p>
<p>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected (together with reasons):</p>	<p>Do not award the contract. This option is not recommended as the current contract with Wye Valley Trust to deliver Herefordshire’s health visiting and school nursing services will expire on 31st March 2018 and, as there is no scope to further extend the contract, statutory health visiting and school nursing services would cease.</p> <p>In addition it was agreed by cabinet to commence a competitive tender exercise for the service and this decision is to award the</p>

	contract based on the evaluation panel's recommendation.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None.

Signed



Date: **12 January 2018**