

## Record of officer decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	Revised Herefordshire Intensive Placement Support Service (HIPSS) specification.
<b>Date of decision:</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> October 2017
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Interim director for children's wellbeing
<b>Authority delegated decision:</b>	The chief executive's scheme of delegation line 24.
<b>Ward:</b>	All wards
<b>Consultation</b>	Consulted with cabinet member for young people and children's wellbeing on 11/10/2017 who confirmed his support for the revision.
<b>Decision made:</b>	To revise the specification for the HIPSS service to remove the therapeutic intervention support service element.
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	<p>To enable a service to be in place from April 2018 that will work with looked after children who are at significant risk of being placed in, or are already within some form of residential care or have recently left such care or at risk of placement disruption or breakdown.</p> <p>The service will provide wrap-around intensive therapeutic support packages around the child or young person and their carers targeted by the service. It will aim to help young people to overcome significant adversity in their preceding years and prepare for adult life. To this end it will support young person to develop greater emotional well-being and control over their behaviours such that they can engage in meaningful relationships, participate positively in the community, take advantage of opportunities in education and learning and live successfully as independent adults.</p> <p>The service will provide individually tailored intensive wrap-around (multi-systemic) therapeutic intervention packages that are outcome focussed and built on a robust evidence-based approach. The service will support children and their carers in foster placements, kinship care, special guardianship arrangements and those stepping-down from or at risk of requiring residential care.</p> <p>The decision of cabinet of 28 September gave approval for the commissioning of HPSS and TISS for five years at a cost of up to £2.5m. Further consideration has been given to the proposed specification in light of the available funding. It is proposed that the training and consultation that the TISS has provided over the life of the current contract will not form part of the revised specification, delivering an estimated saving of some £500k. Alternative ways of securing training and advice to staff will be explored.</p>
<b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</b>	Legal, finance and procurement colleagues are content that the decision should go ahead.
<b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</b>	The alternative options are To further reduce the specification and value. This would provide a reduced service and impact on the ability to reduce placement breakdown and prevent the need for residential care.

	To maintain the original specification and maximum value. This is not affordable within the projected budgets for children's wellbeing.
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<b>Details of any declarations of interest made:</b>	None

Signed

Date:13/10/2017