

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY FROM EXECUTIVE/COUNCIL/COMMITTEE



DELEGATED OFFICER	Dominic Harrison
DECISION TAKEN BY:	
DELEGATED BY:	Executive (date of delegation)
IN CONSULTATION WITH:	Executive Member
PORTFOLIO AREA:	Health and Adult Social Care

SUBJECT: Award of Contract for Community Mental Wellbeing service

1. DECISION

To award a Public Health Contract for a Community Mental Wellbeing service to Lancashire Mind, to commence on 1st April 2020 until 31st March 2023, with option to extend until March 2025.

2. REASON FOR DECISION

Public Health have led on the commissioning and procurement of a Community Mental Wellbeing Service. Following the completion of a competitive tender exercise in January 2020, the Public Health Commissioning lead is now seeking approval from the Director to award the contract to the highest scoring bidder, Lancashire Mind.

3. BACKGROUND

The importance of addressing mental wellbeing as a central strand of a comprehensive approach to mental health is now recognised internationally. This builds on the understanding that mental well-being is more than the absence of mental illness and as the World Health Organization has outlined, is a state: "in which the individual realises his or her own abilities, can cope with the normal stresses of life, can work productively and fruitfully, and is able to make a contribution to his or her community". Both health and social care commissioners now face a challenge in refocusing commissioning strategies from services primarily focused on illness to include those that prioritise the promotion of mental well-being and prevention (NHS Long Term Plan, Five Year Forward View for Mental Health and Future In Mind).

The Director of Public Health has commissioning responsibility for public mental wellbeing, as outlined in the Health & Care Act (2012). During that last five years, the Public Health department have commissioned a community mental wellbeing service via a contract with the Families Health & Wellbeing Consortia (now renamed as Spring North). During 2018, stakeholder and public engagement was undertaken, and a revised mental wellbeing framework was developed to inform the commissioning of the local delivery model. During December 2019 to January 2020, a competitive tender exercise was undertaken to procure a Community Mental Wellbeing Service, to deliver the 'social prescribing' delivery component of the model, and ensure alignment to the four primary care neighbourhood new model of care.

The contract is scheduled to commence on 1st April 2020 for a duration of three years, with an option to extend for one plus one years, until March 2025.

4. OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

A number of bids were received, reviewed and scored by an evaluation panel, in accordance with procurement law and good practise guidelines.

Further information is available via the following link [] or from the report author

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Key national documents informed the development of the local mental wellbeing service specification and provided the evidence base:

[Public Mental health: Evidence, practice and commissioning](#), Royal Society of Public Health, 2019

[Improving access to Psychological Therapies \(IAPT\) national guidance](#), NHS England, 2018

[Community engagement: improving health and wellbeing and reducing health inequalities](#), National Institute of Clinical Excellence (NICE), 2016

[The five year forward view on mental health](#), Department of Health, 2016

[A guide to Community centred approaches for health and wellbeing](#), Public Health England, 2015

[Guidance for commissioning Public mental health services](#), Joint commissioning panel for mental health service, 2015

[No Health without mental health national mental health strategy](#), Department of Health, 2011

[Mental Capital and Wellbeing Project Report](#): Foresight, 2008

[Social Prescribing for mental health – a guide to commissioning and delivery](#), North West Development Centre, date unknown

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The total value of the three-year contract for the Community Mental Wellbeing service is £301,350.

The contract will be jointly funded by the Public Health Prevention grant and the Better Care Fund.

The council's Wellbeing Service will receive an additional £5,000 per annum to administer telephone referrals from healthcare professionals, and ensure the promotion and co-ordination of any activity that Lancashire Mind are promoting. The two services will work closely together for the duration of the contract to add value to both services, through a set of shared principles and regular meetings and communication.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Under the Health and Social Care Act (2012), the Director of Public Health has responsibility for public mental wellbeing, including the commissioning of services and interventions to improve mental wellbeing.

The tender exercise was undertaken in accordance with EU Procurement regulations, and the Council's Standing Financial Instructions.

8. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

A nominated public health lead is the strategic commissioner of the Mental Wellbeing Programme on behalf of the Director of Public Health.

The council's Commissioning and Procurement Service provide support to the lead commissioner, with technical advice and guidance, agreement of the tender model, procurement exercise and contract management.

The council's Wellbeing Service will administer referrals from healthcare professionals on behalf of the Community Mental Wellbeing Service, and ensure the promotion and co-ordination of an established single point of access for 'social prescriptions'.

9. EQUALITY AND HEALTH IMPLICATIONS

Please select one of the options below. Where appropriate please include the hyperlink to the EIA.

Option 1 Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) not required – the EIA checklist has been completed.

Option 2 In determining this matter the Executive Member needs to consider the EIA associated with this item in advance of making the decision. *(insert EIA link here)*

Option 3 In determining this matter the Executive Board Members need to consider the EIA associated with this item in advance of making the decision. *(insert EIA attachment)*

10. CONSULTATIONS

During 2017/18, Public Health commissioned a provider alliance to undertake public a cross section of engagement activities to identify what helps or hinder mental wellbeing in Blackburn with Darwen. A report was published with useful insights in mental wellbeing from individuals from across the life course, and the following recommendations for improving mental wellbeing included:

- Helping people connect at a local level
- Deliver targeted mental wellbeing awareness and improve self-help skills
- Promote a good life balance
- Support citizens to make informed decisions about the right place to approach for help

Insights from public engagement and stakeholder workshops have informed the development of a logic model and a mental wellbeing framework, which has been used as the 'blue print' for commissioning local mental wellbeing provision.

A briefing on the mental wellbeing programme was delivered to the Joint Commissioning Recommendations Group (JCRG) on 2nd December, to outline the commissioning and procurement plan, which includes the Better Care Fund joint funding allocation.

A briefing on the Mental Wellbeing Programme and the public health commissioning intentions was delivered to the Public Health & Wellbeing Executive Member at the Senior Policy Team meeting in October and November.

11. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

All Declarations of Interest of the officer with delegation and the any Member who has been consulted, and note of any dispensation granted should be recorded below:

VERSION: 1

CONTACT OFFICER:	Shirley Goodhew / Liz Johnston
DATE:	9 th March 2020
BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:	

DIRECTORS - has legal and finance advice been considered ?	
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