



RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS OUTLINED IN THE CONSTITUTION – Part 3 Section 16

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OFFICER DECISION Jayne Ivory/ Dominic Harrison
TAKEN BY:
PORTFOLIO
AREA: Children's Services

SUBJECT: Transforming children and young people's mental health (Wave 2 Trailblazer funding opportunity)

1. DECISION

To approve the submission of an Expression of Interest to be a Wave 2 Trailblazer area for children's mental health transformation.

2. REASON FOR DECISION

To raise awareness of an intention to submit a partnership collaborative Expression of Interest (EOI) to be a Wave 2 Trailblazer area as part of the children's mental health transformation.

3. BACKGROUND

In 2017, the Government published its [Green Paper for Transforming children and young people's mental health](#), which detailed proposals for expanding access to mental health care for children and young people, building on the national [NHS transformation programme](#) which is already underway. Its proposals were focused on providing additional support through schools and colleges and reducing waiting times for treatment. Following a 13-week public consultation, during which the Government received more than 2,700 responses, the Department of Health and Social Care and the Department for Education published its [Response to the Children and Young People's Mental Health Green Paper Consultation](#).

Supported by partners, NHS England is leading the delivery of two of the programme's main commitments:

1. Establishing new **Mental Health Support Teams (MHSTs)** – to develop models of early intervention on mild to moderate mental health issues, such as exam stress, behavioural difficulties or friendship issues, as well as providing help to staff within a school and college setting. The teams will act as a link with local children and young people's mental health services and be supervised by NHS staff;
2. **Trialling a four-week waiting time** for access to specialist NHS children and young people's mental health services, building on the expansion of NHS services already underway.

During December 2018 [25 trailblazer areas](#) were announced as Wave 1 trailblazers. 59 Mental Health Support Teams (MHSTs) are working across these sites and local governance structures are being put in place. The first cohort of the new workforce - [Education Mental Health Practitioners \(EMHP\)](#) – started their full time, year-long training programmes in January/February across seven universities. The EMHP trainees will start working, with appropriate supervision, in schools during the course of 2019. The MHSTs will include senior qualified practitioners and will increase their level of activity in schools and colleges throughout 2019.

Blackburn with Darwen Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) submitted a partnership EOI to be a Wave 1 trailblazer site last year, but despite very positive feedback, they were unsuccessful. Therefore, the intention is for the 'Future in Mind' partnership group to review, refine and resubmit a strong proposal for Wave 2 funding. Blackburn with Darwen CCG will lead and co-ordinate the development of the proposal in partnership with representatives from the council (Children's Services and Public Health), Schools, Community Voluntary and Faith Sector, East Lancashire Hospitals Trust and Lancashire Care Foundation Trust.

The selection of sites in 19/20 will continue to be informed by local needs and inequalities and regions will also be asked to achieve expansion of MHSTs into new geographical areas as well as extending coverage within existing areas. CCGs are being asked to engage and involve key stakeholders in developing and submitting Expressions of Interest, including involving Directors of Children Services, Regional Schools Commissioners and education leaders. DfE has stipulated that for 19-20 schools/colleges with an 'inadequate' Ofsted rating are not included, although this will be kept under review for future selection rounds.

The diligence process for reviewing the Expressions of Interest will be overseen by regional panels which will have Public Health England (PHE) Centre representatives (PHE Centre CYPF health and wellbeing leads or PHE Centre mental health leads), which are scheduled to take place between 27th May and 14 June 2019.

If the Wave 2 EOI is successful, a further briefing will be provided to the council to raise awareness of the good news and to outline the details of the local delivery model and implementation plan for the children's mental health trailblazer programme.

4. OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

None

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

5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

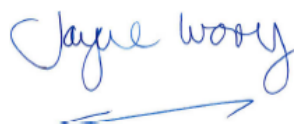
All Declarations of Interest of the officer with delegation and the any Member who has been consulted, and note of any dispensation granted should be recorded below:

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DATE:	26 th April 2019
BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:	None

Signed:

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