

OFFICER DECISION RECORD 1 FORM

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Decision Reference No: AHWB.076.2018 Contract Award Social Prescribing Service

BOX 1**DIRECTORATE:**

Adults, Health & Well being

Date 13.11.2018

Contact Name:

Fay Wood, Strategic Lead,
Community Led Support

Tel. No.: 01302 737817

Subject Matter: Award of a contract following a tender exercise for the provision of a Social Prescribing Service.

BOX 2**DECISION TAKEN**

To seek approval to award a contract following a tendering exercise for a period of 2 years with the option to extend for a further 12 months for the provision of a Social Prescribing Service.

BOX 3**REASON FOR THE DECISION**

Give relevant background information.

This ODR is in line with the following Adults Health and Wellbeing Commissioning 2018/19 Cabinet Report (27 March 2018) approved recommendations:

- To approve the Commissioning Procurement Plan for 2018/19 including the proposals and activity contained in this report.
- Delegation of authority to agree and sign off commissioning recommendations, to the Director of People, or nominated deputy, as the work plan is progressed.
- Delegation of award of contracts to the Director of People in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care.

Local Context.

Social Prescribing is a critical component of a wider transformation programme that aims to streamline patient flows through the health and social care system. Without the service consultation slots with statutory providers will continue to be heavily used by clients who fundamentally require non-clinical/non-specialist support.

Doncaster's Social Prescribing Service has been jointly commissioned with the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) (Doncaster Council hold the contract) since 2015 and was a joint venture between South Yorkshire Housing Association (SYHA) and Doncaster Council for Voluntary Services (CVS). Since early 2017 the service has been delivered by SYHA. The current contract ends on 31 March 2019.

The Social Prescribing Service has been very well received by GP's and has clearly demonstrated value for money based on the independent research findings. The evaluation identified that Social Prescribing appears to be highly cost-effective in health terms: cost per Quality Adjusted Life year (QALY) of less than £2,000; more than £10 in health benefits for each £1 invested. The research found that the service was able to demonstrate wider social value benefits in the areas of volunteering, employment and leveraged funding.

Furthermore Social Prescribing features strongly in the Doncaster Place Plan as one of the key services in 'Cohort A Prevention and Early Help' and we need to ensure the new service supports the achievement of the objectives of the Place Plan.

Data for the 2017-18 financial year highlighted that 878 eligible referrals were received, with 1545 onward referrals made to non-commissioned groups or services in the community (some people are referred to more than one service). Additionally social value is demonstrated by 3,111 hours of volunteering being delivered since service inception, which equates to £24,359.13p of added resource (Based on £7.8 minimum wage over 25 years old).

Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector (VCF)

Going forward and in recognition of the role of the Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector (VCFS) in supporting Social Prescribing and the sectors capacity to respond it was recommended that a proactive approach is taken whereby:-

1). to A payment of £15 per onward referral is made retrospectively per quarter on the evidence of difference made/outcomes for the individual to those community groups/organisations who do not have a formal contractual arrangement in place to provide these services

AND/OR.

2).The Social Prescribing provider offers Business acumen/organisational support to community groups/organisations which meets their specific identified need.

This approach supports resilience and sustainability of the sector in the medium term and some assurance that capacity issues are being addressed. This is one element of a much wider

approach that recognises that investment and resources in the sector are required.

NB. Better Care Fund (BCF) Business Case.

The business case to the BCF for the funding for the service (£240K per year) and funding for onward referrals to the third sector (£20k) per year was approved by JGOG on the 21/08/2018 and then at JCMB on the 30/08/2018.

BOX 4

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

There were no alternative options considered

BOX 5

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 provides the Council with a general power of competence, allowing the Council to do anything that individuals generally may do. Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 gives the Council the power to purchase goods and services.

Section 2B of the National Health Service Act 2006 (as amended by Section 12 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012) introduced a new duty on Councils in England to exercise certain health service functions and take appropriate steps to improve the health of the people who live in their area.

The procurement of a new provider should be undertaken in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

Legal Services should be consulted at the earliest opportunity to provide the contractual documentation.

Name Nichola Varty **Signature:** electronically **Date:** 19th November 2018

Signature of Assistant Director of Legal and Democratic Services (or representative)

BOX 6

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The business case presented at JGOG and then JCMB on 30/08/18 requesting funding for 2 years and an option to extend for a 3rd year, however it was agreed that funding would be made available for the period 1st April 2019 – 31st March 2021 and Fay was to amend the business case to reflect this. This decision therefore is to agree the allocation of £520K over a two year period (£260K - 2019/20 & £260K - 2020/21) from the non-recurrent BCF to fund. In order to extend beyond 31st March 2021 additional funding will need to be identified and approved, in the event of requesting further BCF another business case will need to be presented to JCOG and JCMB.

Consideration needs to be given to the exit strategy and how this programme can be sustained beyond 2021.

Cabinet approved to delegate detailed spending decisions for the unallocated balance of non-recurring BCF earmarked reserve to the Director of People in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and relevant Portfolio Holder on the 27th March 2018.

Name: Helen Rowlands Signature: H Rowlands Date: 22/11/18

Signature of Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Director of Finance (or representative)

BOX 7

OTHER RELEVANT IMPLICATIONS

N/A

Name: _____ **Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of Assistant Director (or representative)

BOX 8

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS: (To be completed by the author).

The future service will require the successful provider to deliver the service in such a way that does not discriminate against any of the protected characteristics (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation) other than service users must be aged 18 years and over. The service will not tolerate behaviours that are prohibited by the Equality Act 2010 and will actively work to advance equality of opportunity and the fostering of good relations.

BOX 9

RISK IMPLICATIONS: (To be completed by the author)

As the current contract is due to expire at the end of this financial year, failure to not approve this ODR would result in a contract breach situation.

In the event of a change of provider, the Council will ensure a robust exit plan is agreed with the incumbent provider to ensure a safe transition while the new contract is mobilised.

BOX 10

CONSULTATION

The Service Specification has been considered by a Strategy and Delivery Manager NHS Doncaster Clinical Commissioning Group, Communities, including Stronger Families and Public Health.

A Service Review was carried earlier this year (2018) by a Contract Monitoring Officer, Commissioning and Contracts Team.

**BOX 11
INFORMATION NOT FOR PUBLICATION**

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, it is in the public's interests for this decision to be published in full, redacting only the signatures.

Name: Gillian Parker Signature by email Date: 26/11/2018

Signature of FOI Lead Officer for service area where ODR originates

**BOX 12
BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Please confirm if any Background Papers are included with this ODR NO

(If YES please list and submit these with this form)

**BOX 13
AUTHORISATION**

redaction

Name: Damian Allen Signature : _____ Date: 26/11/2018

Director Director of People

Does this decision require authorisation by the Chief Financial Officer or other Officer

/NO

If yes please authorise below:

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Director/Assistant Director of _____

Consultation with Relevant Member(s)

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Designation _____

Declaration of Interest YES/NO

If YES please give details below:

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