

APPENDIX 1

OFFICER DECISION RECORD 1 FORM

This form should be used to record Officer Decisions in Excess of £100k (but below the key decision threshold), or where required by Financial, Contract or other Procedure Rules or following formal delegation from Cabinet or a Cabinet Member or a Council Committee.

Decision Reference No: AHWB.027.2020 Social Prescribing Service extension

BOX 1

DIRECTORATE: Adults, Health & Wellbeing

DATE: 9th November 2020

**Contact Name: Stacey Chaplin,
Senior Policy and Insight Manager**

Tel: 01302 735447

Subject Matter: Better Care Fund: 12 months contract extension of existing Social Prescribing Service.

BOX 2

DECISION TAKEN

To agree with the recommendation from Joint Commissioning Operational Group (JCOG), approved by Joint Commissioning Management Board (JCMB) on 29th October 2020, to provide a further 12 months funding of £260k for a contract extension of the existing Social Prescribing Service. This is due to commence from 1st April 2021, from the Non Recurrent Better Care Fund (BCF) Earmarked Reserve, subject to a clear exit strategy, which considers future demand and service allocation through the primary care networks statutory provision.

This decision is in accordance with recommendations made in a Cabinet Report dated 27th March 2018 which approved the spending plan for the non-recurring BCF Ear Marked Reserve as set out in the report: and delegated detailed spending decisions for the implementation of the Doncaster Place Plan £3M, other Integrated Functions £0.7m and unallocated balance £0.7m, to the Director of People in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and relevant Portfolio Holder.

BOX 3

REASON FOR THE DECISION

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 31st March 2021 with the option to extend for a further 12 month period.

The Doncaster Social Prescribing services have been developed in a policy environment which places greater emphasis on integrated preventative healthcare interventions for people from marginalised and disadvantaged groups, alongside a pressure to reduce public sector budgets and implement market based approaches to delivery. The Department of Health (HM Government, 2006) has advocated social prescriptions for ten years, whilst it has been since 2014 NHS England promoted non-clinical interventions from the voluntary and community sector as a way of making general practice more sustainable.

Within the NHS Five Year Forward View (2016) and 'Making Time in General Practice' (2015), social prescribing is seen as one of several measures to free-up time for GP's who are seeking to manage issues beyond the purely clinical. It is estimated that 20% of GP appointments are 'avoidable'.

Independent evaluation of the Doncaster Social Prescribing service in December 2016, by The Centre for Regional and Economic and Social Research (Sheffield), found at that time, for every £1 of health and social care funding spent supporting vulnerable people, the Social Prescribing Service produced more than £10 of benefits in terms of better health, at least in the short term. In addition to quantifiable health benefits, the service created a range of wider social and economic benefits in the areas of volunteering, employment, and leveraged funding.

The Long Term Plan NHS England committed to building the infrastructure for social prescribing in primary care. Social prescribing link workers are becoming an integral part of the multi-disciplinary teams in primary care networks (PCNs). They are part of the additional roles in the five year framework for GP contract reform and included in the Network Direct Enhanced Service Contract for 2020/21. The provider of the contracted social prescribing service – South Yorkshire Housing Association (SYHA) are the hosts for the link workers for the PCN's in Doncaster.

BOX 4**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

Option 1 – Do Nothing: The provider will require sufficient notice in order to be put in place and implement an exit strategy.

Option 2 – Approve funding for a further 12 months of £240k, which will enable the provider to develop a clear exit strategy. **(Recommended)**

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.

It is noted that there is power in the Contract to extend the term of the Contract for 12 months.

Legal Services to assist with documenting the extension in accordance with the Contract terms.

Name: Paula Coleman Signature: By e-mail Date: 10.11.20

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

BOX 6**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The business case to extend the Social Prescribing scheme for a further year to March 2022 was approved at JGOG on 27th October 2020 and subsequently approved by virtual sign off with JCMB members. This scheme will be funded from the Better Care Fund Earmarked Reserve as part of the Place Plan.

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. This was revised on 19 August 2019 to the Director of Adults to approve in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and relevant Portfolio Holder. The Director of Adults to consult with Director of Children's Services if relevant to their portfolio.

Name: Helen Rowlands Signature by email_ Date: 16/11/20

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)

ANY IMPLICATIONS SENT TO DEPARTMENTS SHOULD GENERALLY BE SUBMITTED AT LEAST 5 WORKING DAYS IN ADVANCE TO ENSURE THESE CAN BE GIVEN THE RELEVANT CONSIDERATION.

BOX 8**EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS:**

The service will require the successful provider to continue 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:**

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, if contract termination sufficient notice isn't given.

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 original 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 interest for this decision to be published in full, redacting only the signatures.

Name: _Gillian Parker___ Signature _by email___ Date: _20/11/2020

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 **YES/NO**

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

**BOX 13
AUTHORISATION**

Name: Phil Holmes Signature: 

Date: 23/11/2020

Director of Adults Health and Wellbeing

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

YES/NO

If yes please authorise below:

Name: Faye Tyas Signature: 

Date: 14/12/2020

Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Director of Finance

Consultation with Relevant Member(s)

Name: Cllr Rachael Blake

Signature: 

Date: 14/12/2020

Designation Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care

(e.g. Mayor, Cabinet Member or Committee Chair/Vice-Chair)

Declaration of Interest **YES/NO**

If YES please give details below:

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