

EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS - DECISION RECORD

The following decision was taken on Friday 2nd September 2022 by:-

Councillor Rachael Blake, Cabinet Member for Children's Social Care, Communities and Equalities

Date notified to all Members: Friday 2nd September, 2022

End of the call-in period is 5.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 13th September, 2022. This decision will not be implemented until after this date and time.

Present: Cllr Rachael Blake, Julia King Strategic Commissioning Manager

1. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER AND TITLE

'Approval to award contract for Community Based Wellbeing and Support Service'

2. DECISION TAKEN.

- a. Notes the social value, and ongoing development of the Community Based Crisis service and integration into the wider Crisis Alternative Services pathways.
- b. Delegates the approval of the award of the contract to the Director of Public Health following the planned procurement by open tender process, at an annual value of £200,000 per annum for 3 years, with an option to extend for a further 2 years, which aligns with the contract period for the wider Crisis Alternative services.

3. REASONS FOR DECISION

Following the COVID pandemic, more people are experiencing issues with their mental health, including low mood, isolation and anxiety.

Recommissioning the service, aligning with the wider Crisis Alternative services, and integrating service offers more with local neighbourhood developments, will enable more people to access local support as part of a pathway and network of services, develop local support networks and new skills to enable them to maximise their health and emotional wellbeing.

The service aligns with Locality Plans where mental health has been identified as a priority area for all localities and provides a significant



contribution to Doncaster's wellbeing offers.

Existing services will continue to be provided, while seeking to grow the service offer both on line and face-to-face across the borough. (based on the expressed preferences of people who use the services.

Continuing the development of the Community Based Crisis Service, and integrating within the Crisis Alternatives pathways, will enable the services together, to coordinate service offers, reduce any existing duplication, and ensure resources are used most effectively to improve people's wellbeing outcomes.

4. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Option 1 – Do nothing, give notice to the provider and let the existing contract lapse on 31st March 2023 and not re-procure.

Option 2 – Include the Community Based Crisis Service as part of the NHS led procurement for Crisis Alternatives services with a cost envelope of £100,000 per annum.

- 5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS
 None
- 6. IF EXEMPT, REASON FOR EXEMPTION N/A
- RESPECTIVE DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION
 Director of Public Health Dr Rupert Suckling



Signed

Decision Maker