

## OFFICER DECISION RECORD 2 FORM

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**Decision Reference No: AWC.005.2024 Gypsy Roma Traveller Link Workers**

**BOX 1.**

**DIRECTORATE:** Adults Wellbeing & Culture

**DATE:** 02/02/2024

**Contact Name:** Michael McBurney  
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**Tel. No.:** N.A

**Subject Matter:** Gypsy Roma Traveller Link Workers (GRT)

**BOX 2****DECISION TAKEN:**

The Health and Social Care Transformation Fund Ear Marked Reserve (EMR) continue to support Gypsy & Traveller Link Workers: £88,614 (12-month investment).

The Joint Commissioning Operational Group held on the 28th of November 2023 and subsequent Joint Commissioning Management Board (virtual sign off) has recommended to approve the business case for Gypsy Roma Traveller Link Workers over 12 months extension and to use this time to find alternative ways of funding these posts permanently as these posts should be retained.

**BOX 3****REASON FOR DECISION AND ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED:**

Twenty-one non-recurrently funded schemes were reviewed with the above scheme recommended for a final period of non-recurrent funding for the following reasons.

- Doncaster has the largest representation of GRT residents in the UK, which are mainly situated in the north and east localities of Doncaster.
- The project will continue to facilitate a programme of activities with the GRT community to enable more accessible health and wellbeing services (population <10,000 residents).
- The aim is to reduce the disparity in health and wellbeing and increase life expectancy of members from the GRT community.
- These posts to maintain our health inequalities focus especially due to GRT communities being disproportionately represented among other ethnicities such as high rates of male suicides and low levels of cervical screening. GRT link workers embeds health inequalities across place in a coordinated and collaborative way. For example, GRT life expectancy is 10 years lower than average for men and women and are 20 times more likely to experience the death of a child.
- This project is anchored in reducing demand through a focus on prevention, promoting self-care and information, advice, and guidance

with several partners across place. There will be the effective implementation of new ways of working for health and social care professionals supporting the GRT community.

- Key stakeholders include Doncaster Council, GRT communities, South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Integrated Care System and Doncaster Minorities Partnership Board. Findings from this project will be shared with partners across our regional footprint through the South Yorkshire Bassetlaw Integrated Care System and nationally through the NHS Engagement Practitioners Network. GRT updates will continue to be provided at the Minorities Partnership Board on a quarterly basis.

**BOX 4  
BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**NO (If YES please list and submit copies with this form)**


**BOX 5**

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Name:  Michael McBurney Date 28.02.2024

Name of FOI Lead Officer for service area where ODR originates

**BOX 6  
AUTHORISATION:**

Name: Phil Holmes Signature:  Date: 06/03/2024

Director Adults Wellbeing and Cu

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

YES/NO

If yes please authorise below:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Chief Executive/Director/Assistant Director of \_\_\_\_\_

**Consultation with Relevant Member(s)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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