

Operational Executive Decision-Making Form

Operational Decision Record

Publication Date 31/08/2022	Decision Reference Number 4702
Decision Title	
Contribution to Children and Young People Mental Health Wellbeing Programme Lead post	
Decision Value	
£37,800	
Revenue or Capital Spend?	
Revenue	
Department	
Public Health, People	
Contact Officer (Name, job title, and contact details)	
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Decision Taken	
<p>To (partially) fund the Children and Young People Mental Health Wellbeing Programme lead post, to be employed by Nottinghamshire County Council, for a period of three years.</p> <p>To fund 20% of the total cost, which equates to a contribution of £12,600 per annum for three years (£37,800 in total).</p>	
Reasons for Decision and Background Information	
<p>In 2015 the Department for Education and NHS England published Future in Mind (FIM) – setting out plans for promoting, protecting and improving children and young people’s mental health and wellbeing. In order to support the significant amount of transformation required to respond to FIM, Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG’s) received non-recurrent monies. To manage the required programme of work across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire FIM monies were used to employ a fixed-term Programme Lead post, hosted with the Nottinghamshire Children’s Integrated Commissioning Hub. Since the publication of FIM, the focus on children and young people’s emotional mental health and wellbeing has remained and strengthened.</p>	

The CCG FIM monies have now finished, however, the requirement for a sustained partnership approach to improving outcomes via joint commissioning and transformation in relation to this agenda remains. System partners, including Nottingham City Council, were asked to consider supporting the Programme Lead post via the Children and Young People Executive Strategic Planning Group (March 2022). This group covers both Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire County geographical footprint.

The Programme Lead will provide strategic co-ordination of cross cutting partnership priorities, ensuring that integrated working takes place, whilst also setting a clear vision for sustained commitment.

This decision proposes that Nottingham City Council contribute 20% of the total costs for a period of three years. This will be funded from the annual ring-fenced public health grant (2022/23) and is in line with grant conditions. The remaining 80% of the total costs will be funded by Nottinghamshire County Council and Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group.

This decision will ensure that partners continue to realise the system benefits, improving outcomes for children and young people in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. This shared resource will ensure that transformation is of greater pace and scale than individual organisations could achieve alone.

Other Options Considered and why these were rejected

Partners, including Nottingham City Council, do not continue to fund the Programme Lead post, and the current post ends. This option has been rejected because it would mean that the required children and young people mental health transformation work will not progress at the scale or pace needed. This would be detrimental to children and young people (and their families) as well as require partners to identify and fund alternative mechanisms through which to meet their responsibilities.

Reasons why this decision is classified as operational

Value below £150,000 and investment in mental health set out within the CLT approved Public Health Transition Plan which forms part of the MTFP (and therefore within existing policy and budget).

Additional Information

You should consider:

- obtaining and recording advice if necessary from legal, finance or other colleagues
- informing relevant ward councillors if a decision particularly affects their ward
- whether an EIA, DPIA, Carbon Impact assessment or consultation exercise is required for this decision

- for capital spend, confirmation that the decision has been through the appropriate capital approval processes
- referring to any related previous decisions
- risks of the decision and any mitigation of those risks
- if the decision is approving capital spend, please include confirmation that the Chief Finance Officer has agreed to it.

Decision Maker (Name and Job Title)

Lucy Hubber, Director of Public Health

Scheme of Delegation Reference Number

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Date Decision Taken

25/08/2022