

# Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



**Nottingham**  
**City Council**

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Subject:

NHS Health Checks Programme Delivery

Total Value:

£493,739.90 (Type: Revenue)

Decision Being Taken:

- 1) To approve the spend of up to £493,739.88 on the NHS Health Check Programme including provision of NHS eHealthScope IT software as follows: payments up to £157,579.96 per annum from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2026 to eligible certified Health Check Programme providers across Nottingham City, and up to £7,000 per annum for IT software.
- 2) To delegate authority to the Director of Public Health to award and sign contracts (3 year duration) with eligible certified Health Check Programme providers across Nottingham City, and an IT software contract (3 years duration) with eHealthScope to support the delivery of the NHS Health Check Programme.

**Reasons for the Decision(s)**

Nottingham City Council has a statutory responsibility under the 2012 Health and Social Care Act to deliver NHS Health Checks. The NHS Health Check programme is a national public health programme which sets out to identify and reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease (CVD) in the population by offering citizens aged 40-74 years without existing cardiovascular disease (or certain other conditions) a free health check. CVD is one of the main causes of citizens dying early in the city and rates of death from CVD in the city are significantly higher than the England average. Nottingham has a significantly higher rate of death under age 75 from CVD (114.8 per 100,000), than the East Midlands and England rates plus a higher proportion of adults who are overweight or obese (66.9%). The current Locally Commissioned Public Health Services Contracts (LCPHS) with Nottingham City GP practices for the delivery of the NHS Health Check Programmes are due to expire on 31 March 2023, and do not have an option to extend. Eligible patients are identified and invited for a health check using their medical records. The Health Check involves assessing cholesterol and blood pressure levels, and putting this information together with demographic and health related behaviour information, to calculate an individual's risk of developing CVD over 10 years. Patients with higher risk are then signposted to other support, for example clinical support from their GP. The programme will be open to qualifying healthcare providers. Contracts will award payments for NHS Health checks completed at £45 per patient for priority groups (patients with an estimated CVD risk of equal to or greater than 10% risk at time of first invitation; patients on the learning disability register; patients on the serious mental illness register, specified ethnic minority groups: Black, Asian, Mixed) , and £10 per completed NHS Health Check per patient outside priority groups. In addition to the payment per health check completed, practices will be paid a bonus payment if they send first invitations to at least 70% of their annual eligible population. If the target is achieved, a bonus payment will be paid equivalent to £5.50 x 70% of the annual eligible population.

**Other Options Considered:**

Other options were considered which included a pilot digital delivery model. This option was rejected as there is not enough of an evidence base at this time for a digital delivery model, and in-person health checks would still need to be completed.

**Background Papers:**

**Published Works:**

**Affected Wards:**

Citywide

**Colleague / Councillor Interests:**

**Consultations:**

Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

**Crime and Disorder Implications:**

None

**Equality:**

Please view the EIA document: Final NHS Health Checks EIA 2023.docx

**Social Value Considerations:**

Participating practices are requested to: Invite 100% of the annual eligible population each year, and recall eligible patients every 5 years, Prioritise invitations to patients in the priority groups: CVD risk of equal to or greater than 10%, On the severe mental illness (SMI) register, On the learning disability (LD) register, Specified minority ethnic groups (Black, Asian, Mixed). The desired local uptake rate of NHS Health Checks completed is >60% of the annual eligible population.

**Regard for NHS Constitution:**

Regard for NHS Constitution: Local authorities have a statutory duty to have regard to the NHS Constitution when exercising their public health functions under the NHS Act 2006. In making this decision relating to public health functions, we have properly considered the NHS Constitution where applicable and have taken into account how it can be applied in order to commission services to improve the health of the local community.

**Decision Type:**

Portfolio Holder

**Subject to Call In:**

Yes

**Call In Expiry date:**

09/02/2023

**Advice Sought:**

Legal, Finance, Procurement, Equality and Diversity

**Legal Advice:**

Please see the attached Legal Advice Note:  
Richard Bines - Solicitor - Contracts and Commercial Advice provided by Richard Bines (Solicitor) on 09/01/2023.  
Advice documents: NHS Health Check Programme Commissioning Legal Advice Note.docx

**Finance Advice:**

For reasons outlined by the report author, this decision seeks approval to:

1. approve spend of £472,740 from the Public Health grant to NHS Health Check Programme from 2023/24 for 3 years.
2. approve spend of £21,000 from the Public Health grant to IT Software Provision from 2023/24 for 3 years.

The total cost of this decision is £493,740 and will be fully funded from the Public Health grant. If the Public Health grant was to reduce in future years, the service would need to realign services within the revised available funding limit ensuring that no financial pressure arises. This decision has no impact on the Medium Term Financial Plan.

Once the decision is approved, a budget virement will be posted to realign the budgets, supporting budget managers to robustly monitor the budget.

The actual costs associated with this decision will require regular monitoring to form an audit trail against this grant funding and support robust forecasting. Any decisions taken will need to be robustly captured against this decision value to ensure it is not exceeded. This information will also be used for internal/external reporting purposes as required.

**Tracey Moore**  
**Commercial Business Partner**  
 31/01/23 Advice provided by Tracey Moore (Senior Finance Technician) on 31/01/2023.

**Equality and Diversity Advice:**

The EIA has been reviewed and comments have been addressed by the author. The EIA indicates there will be a positive and negative impact of people from different ethnic groups. The author has provided details of mitigation and actions to be taken. Therefore I am happy to sign off. Advice provided by Rosey Donovan (Equality and Employability Consultant) on 12/01/2023.

**Procurement Advice:**

This decision relates to the award of contracts with approved Health check providers for the delivery of NHS health checks, and for the specialist IT software necessary to support this programme. The proposed arrangements with registered certified healthcare providers will operate as an accreditation scheme, whereby every qualified health check provider that wishes to participate is contracted. This is not deemed to constitute a procurement contract under the UK Public Contracts Regulations, as there is no selection of suppliers on the part of the Council. Therefore there are no procurement implications arising, provided the process treats all qualified providers fairly, is documented and that best value is secured. This is considered to be a suitable contracting arrangement under the Council's Contract Procedure Rules. The specialist e-Healthscope software was specifically developed to meet the reporting needs of the health check providers in the local area and links with clinical systems in practices, therefore will best support the delivery of the health checks and avoid disruption from any system changes. This contract falls below the thresholds of the Contract Procedure Rules requiring a formal process, therefore may be awarded provided best value is secured. Advice provided by Jo Pettifor (Procurement Team Manager) on 17/01/2023.

**Signatures**

<b>Linda Woodings as Portfolio Holder (PH Adult Social Care and Health)</b>
<b>SIGNED and Dated: 02/02/2023</b>
<b>Lucy Hubber (DPH)</b>
<b>SIGNED and Dated: 01/02/2023</b>