

Observations of Finance Business Partner:

As outlined by the report author, this decision seeks approval for the receipt and the spend of funding from the Office of Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) for the Individual Placement and Support Grant 2023/24 and 2024/25

The total value of this grant is contained within the table below:

Financial Years	Total Grant
2023/24	£158,265
2024/25	£164,932
OHID Grant	£323,197

The total £0.323m grant funding will be received in line with the payment schedule which shows that £0.158m will be received in financial year 2023/24 and £0.165m received in 2024/25. Funding must be spent by 31/03/25 and the authority should manage receipt of this funding in line with the grant conditions and ensure all funding is claimed in a timely manner and accounted for correctly across the respective financial years. Any underspend may be subject to being paid back or carried forward where agreed.

Due to time constraints, dispensation from Contract Procedure Rule 4.1.2 in accordance with Financial Regulation 3.29 is sought to award an extension of funding to an existing provider. The value for this extension is £0.079m for the period 01/05/23 to 30/09/23. Procurement of the service through a competitive process was discounted due to the tight timeframes set by OHID which means that a tender process would not allow for deadlines to be met in terms of outcome requirements attached to the funding. The remaining £0.244m grant covering the period 01/10/23 to 31/03/25 is currently undergoing a competitive procurement process, which will consider the best value framework.

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

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

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