Operational Decision Record

Publication Date	Decision Reference Number
16/05/23	4945
Decision Title	

Changing Futures Data Analysis Service - To be based in Integrated Care Board

Decision Value

£89,793

Revenue or Capital Spend?

Revenue

Department

Public Health

Contact Officer (Name, job title, and contact details)

Tracey Ford, Changing Futures Senior System Change Commissioning Manager

Decision Taken

To award through a Section 75 agreement funding for a data analyst to support the Changing Futures Programme and gather data on the needs of people with Severe and Multiple Disadvantage, at a cost of £89,793, to the ICB.

Reasons for Decision and Background Information

Data analyst services, with the function based in the Population Health Management Team of the Systems Analytics Intelligence Unit at the Integrated Care Board.

This service would be part of the Changing Futures Programme, an ambitious programme funded by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to improve health and wellbeing outcomes for people experiencing severe and multiple disadvantage (SMD), defined as having at least three of substance use, mental ill health, interaction with the criminal justice system, homelessness and domestic abuse. Nottingham City is a recipient of a ringfenced grant for the Changing Futures Programme, with a focus on system change.

The analyst service will:

- Work with Changing Futures partners and the SAIU to explore the potential and subsequent implementation for better linking and sharing of data from different databases to enable better understanding and support for people experiencing multiple disadvantage;
- Analyse data held on InForm and on partners' systems and provide reports to a variety of audiences including the Changing Futures Programme

Board, statutory and non-statutory system partners (e.g. via the Integrated Care Partnership) and funders of the programme.

The value of the role is to have it embedded in the ICB, Population Health Management Team, to give Severe and Multiple Disadvantage (one of the four pillars of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy) parity with other health issues, such as obesity.

As a Section 75 agreement, there is no need to seek an exemption from the Contract Procedure Rules, as only the ICB provides these health related services.

- CF will have access to wider data in relation to SMD;
- SMD data specialist will be established in mainstream structure;
- SMD will have parity with other health issues in the Population Health Management Team;
- Data obtained through ICB will be independent from main delivery.

Other Options Considered and why these were rejected

To not have the role:

- The opportunity for collating and reporting evidence about people experiencing SMD and the efficacy or otherwise of services that support them would be lost;
- The Changing Futures ambition for System Change would be compromised;
- The profile of SMD within the ICB would not be raised, it would not gain parity with other population health management issues, such as tobacco use and obesity.

To seek competitive quotes for a provider:

 Only the Systems Analytics Intelligence Unit at Nottingham & Nottinghamshire ICB has access to the health data on the ICB database.

Reasons why this decision is classified as operational

The data analyst service is part of the Changing Futures delivery. The value of the decision is under £250,000. Though not part of the original bid, it has been agreed with DLUHC that the ringfenced grant can be used for this purpose.

Additional Information

Procurement Comments

I would propose the decision states the following "The proposal is to award through a section 75 agreement funding for (detail service) at £x cost to the ICB".

Steve Oakley, Head of Contracting and Procurement, 30/08/2022

Legal Comments

Subject to an amendment to the existing OED to take account of the increased financials and you having confirmed that the Director of Public Health has the regarded delegation to sign the contract, you should be able to compete the agreement as soon as the OED is signed off. The contact is still substantively in the form you previously agreed with the ICB.

Richard Bines, Solicitor, 16/05/2023

Other Comments

As the analyst is employed and processing personal data on behalf of the ICB then no DPIA is required.

Jeremy Lyn-Cook, Information Policy Specialist, 11/08/2022

Decision Maker (Name and Job Title)

Lucy Hubber, Director of Public Health

Scheme of Delegation Reference Number

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Date Decision Taken

16/05/2023