

# Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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**City Council**

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Subject:

Mental Health Independent Living Support (ILS) - Temporary Posts

Total Value:

£50,000 (Type: Capital)

Decision Being Taken:

Approval to dispense with Contact Procedure Rule 5.1.2 in accordance with Financial Regulation 3.29 (Operational Issues) in order to issue a variation to the current contact with Framework Housing Association for the provision of the Mental Health Independent Living Support Service ("Moving Forward") to include funding for the provision of 2 full time Crisis Workers at a combined cost of £47,000 and for a £3,000 fund for social inclusion for a period of one year from 1st April 2015 until 31st March 2016. The total increase in contract value awarded for this period will be £50,000.

**Reasons for the Decision(s)**

Nottingham City Council currently commissions an Independent Living Support Service ("Moving Forward") for citizens whose independence is threatened by difficulties faced relating to or arising from problems they are experiencing with their mental health. The contract for the provision of this service by Framework Housing Association at a value of £416,999 per annum for a period of three years commenced on the 1st July 2013, in accordance with a call off from a framework of providers of Independent Living Support Services approved by the Council to deliver services on its behalf through a competitive tender process. The primary purpose of the Moving Forward service is to help people experiencing difficulty to realise or maintain more independent living arrangements and/or to avoid the need for more intensive / reactive support through the provision of practical / "wraparound" support (e.g. help with bills, sustaining accommodation, building confidence and accessing support networks, etc), typically for a short period of time only.

Nottingham City Clinical Commissioning Group has put forward a proposal to use £50,000 of non-recurrent targeted resilience funding available to it to expand the service to include additional support for the Nottinghamshire NHS Trust City Crisis Team for a one year period commencing 1st April 2015. Under these proposals, the following will be provided:

- 2 x full time support workers to work alongside the Crisis Team (e.g. attending home visits, receiving referrals and delivering complementary support as appropriate);
- a £3000 fund to be used by the Moving Forward service to help citizens with emergency living expenses (where no immediate alternatives are available), to be administered in line with the broader aims of the service.

**Other Options Considered:**

To procure a separate service in accordance with the outcome of a competitive tender. Delivering the additional staff and fund through the existing Moving Forward service is likely to offer benefits including improved value for money (over the procurement of a separate service) in tapping into the existing management structure and established working practices. The activity to be delivered is closely aligned to the current activity of the Moving Forward service, which has been assessed as performing well by the Council's Strategic Procurement Team.

For NHS Nottingham City CCG to procure this services independently from NCC. The non-recurrent targeted resilience funding available to the CCG must be used prior to the end of the 2014/15 financial year, requiring a more expedient approach to procurement. Commissioning a separate service independently from the Council would also fail to access the benefits of being part of an established service (as noted above). This is of particular relevance given the short period of time for which the targeted resilience funds are available.

**Background Papers:****Published Works:**

<b>Affected Wards:</b>	Citywide
<b>Colleague / Councillor Interests:</b>	
<b>Dispensation from Financial Regulations:</b>	Yes
<b>Consultations:</b>	Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.
<b>Crime and Disorder Implications:</b>	Enhancements to the activity of the City Crisis Team delivered through the implementation of this decision are intended to improve support for people experiencing mental health crises. This in turn is expected to have some positive effect in the reduced need for the Police to intervene to respond to people in crisis.
<b>Equality:</b>	Please login to the system to view the EIA document: EIA - Mental Health ILS Temporary Posts March 2015.doc
<b>Social Value Considerations:</b>	The expansion of this service is likely to have a positive impact on the direct recipients of the service by attending to their economic and social well-being. There are also likely to be wider benefits to the City accrued through the delivery of support to help vulnerable citizens to improve their prospects for greater stability and the avoidance of crisis.
<b>Regard for NHS Constitution:</b>	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.
<b>Decision Type:</b>	Portfolio Holder
<b>Subject to Call In:</b>	Yes
<b>Call In Expiry date:</b>	05/05/2015
<b>Advice Sought:</b>	Legal, Finance, Procurement, Equality and Diversity
<b>Legal Advice:</b>	This variation is permitted in accordance with the new UK procurement regime as a change which is not material. On that basis this report does not raise any significant legal issues. The services to be provided as a consequence of this funding need to be documented as a contract variation. Advice provided by Andrew James (Team Leader Contracts and Commercial) on 15/04/2015.

**Finance Advice:**

It is proposed to implement a variation to the current contract with Framework Housing Association for the provision of the Mental Health Independent Living Support Service, for one year with effect from 1st April 2015.

This will enable Framework to employ 2 Crisis Workers, and will cost £50k. Nottingham City Clinical Commissioning Group have agreed to fund these costs, so no additional expenditure will be incurred by Nottingham City Council.

This proposal seeks dispensation from Contract Procedure rules (5.1.2) in accordance with Financial Regulation 3.29, and is appropriate in these circumstances.

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26th March 2015

Advice provided by Stephen Lynk (Finance Analyst) on 26/03/2015.

**Procurement Advice:**

The proposal to include an additional £50,000 funding from Nottingham City Clinical Commissioning Group for a 1 year period to 31st March 2016 within the current contract for the Mental Health ILSS will enable the provision of 2 full time workers and a £3000 fund for citizens to access emergency living expenses. The current provider is considered to perform well and the contract delivers value for money. Tendering for 1 year period for a separate service would be unlikely to improve value for money and would not be completed in time for the CCG funding to be transferred to NCC at the end of 2014/15 financial year. Therefore, dispensation from the provisions of the Contract Procedure Rules (5.1.2) in accordance with Financial Regulation (3.29) (Operational Issues) to allow for a variation to the current contract is supported from a procurement perspective. Advice provided by Jo Pettifor (Strategic Procurement Manager) on 27/03/2015.

**Equality and Diversity Advice:**

The proposal will ensure that the needs of some of our most vulnerable citizens will be met and will meet our Public Sector Duty to promote equal opportunities. Advice provided by Adisa Djan (Equalities and Diversity Consultant) on 24/03/2015.

**Signatures**

Alex Norris (PH Adults, Commissioning and Health)
SIGNED and Dated: 27/04/2015
Alison Michalska (Corporate Director for Children and Adults)
SIGNED and Dated: 24/04/2015
Geoff Walker (Acting Head of Strategic Finance) - Dispensation from Financial Regulations
SIGNED and Dated: 21/04/2015
Chief Financial Officer's Comments: