

FINANCIAL OBSERVATIONS
DELEGATED DECISION – SEND EXTENSIONS

This decision requires approval to:

1. Extend specific contracts for a period of time in order to allow a review of the Special Education Needs and Disability Information and Advice for Parents and Carer's to be undertaken across the whole of Childrens & Adults.

Which:

2. Supports the Whole Life Disability Review (WLDR) and Information and Advice (I&A) strand of the Care Act and
3. Contains an element which is retrospective as the extensions commenced 1 April 2015.

The contracts to be extended are set out in **Table 1** below:

TABLE 1: ANNUAL IMPACT OF CONTRACTS					
	Extension	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	Total
Ask Iris Service	1/4/2015 - 31/12/2017	18,000	18,000	13,500	49,500
Parent Partnership Service	1/4/2015 - 31/03/2017	65,500	65,500	0	131,000
Extension Value		83,500	83,500	13,500	180,500

The cost of this extension is £0.181m with provision included within current budget allocations. These contract extensions have no adverse impact on the Medium Term Financial Plan or the current budget setting process.

The contracts are procured for both the City and County services to deliver better value for money however Nottingham is only liable for the City's element. The value included in this decision relates to Nottingham City's costs only.

Value for money from this decision is gained by the extension of a value for money contract providing an opportunity for disabled children and young people and their parents or carers to engage in the WLDR and I&R strand of the Care Act ensuring the service is fit for purpose and addresses local needs.

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

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