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**To commission a service to provide resources, befriending and hosting for families with children at the edge of care**

The proposal requests an extension to the contract with Safe Families for Children. The contract is due to expire on 31 March 2018 and to avoid a break in service; approval is required for an additional four months at a maximum contract value of £0.025m.

In relation to the extension, the proposal seeks dispensation from Contract Procedure rule 5.1.1 in accordance with Financial Regulations 3.29 and is appropriate in these circumstances.

Furthermore, there will be an undertaking to procure a similar service initially for two years, with the option to extend for 1+1 yrs. The contract value for this period is a maximum of £0.320m (£0.080m per year).

The contract is funded from the External Placement budget through reductions in the average rate of external placement costs. This is predicated on the assumption of a baseline cohort and excludes growth that is funded through the MTFP.

The budget pressure mitigation is monitored through the Children Big Ticket Programme.

	2018/19	2019/20	2021/21	2021/22	2022 / 23	Total
Existing Contract 01 April - 31 July 18	25,000	-	-	-	-	25,000
New Contract commencing 01 August 2018	46,667	80,000	80,000	80,000	33,333	320,000
	<b>71,667</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>33,333</b>	<b>345,000</b>
Average Rate Reductions	- 105,513	- 105,513	- 105,513	- 105,513	- 105,513	- 527,564
Budget Pressure Mitigation	- <b>33,846</b>	- <b>25,513</b>	- <b>25,513</b>	- <b>25,513</b>	- <b>72,180</b>	- <b>182,564</b>

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