

# Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



**Nottingham**  
**City Council**

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Subject:

Infection Prevention and Control

Total Value:

£247,381.25 (Type: Revenue)

Decision Being Taken:

1. To approve funding of up to £39,581 per annum for 5.25 + 1 years commencing on 1st January 2019
2. To approve dispensation from Contract Procedure Rule 5.1.2 in accordance with Financial Regulation (3.29) to allow for direct award of a contract.
3. To delegate authority to the Head of Contracting and Procurement to award the contract and the Performance Development Manager to sign the contract.

Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) in Community care settings is part of the statutory responsibilities of the Director of Public Health. IPC includes, but is not limited to, support for care homes in the event of an outbreak and identification, management and follow-up of patients (within care settings) diagnosed with a Health-Care Associated Infection (HCAI). There is a Nottingham based service Community Infection Prevention and Control service, delivered by CityCare and commissioned by Nottingham City CCG which currently delivers in the following areas:

- Review of daily alert lists from microbiology to assess samples positive for HCAI. Follow-up of positive patients to ensure adherence to treatment.
- Identification, support and root cause analysis of outbreaks in nursing homes
- Infection prevention and control audit program in care homes with nursing beds
- Infection prevention and control audit program in GP practices
- When an outbreak is identified in any of these settings, liaise with and provide advice/support which includes visiting the area affected by the outbreak. The service also liaises with relevant agencies within NHS Nottingham City when an outbreak is identified (including Public Health England, Microbiology and Environmental Health).
- Serious incident management

Prior to April 2018, Nottingham City residential care homes received elements of the service described above, including support during outbreaks, post infection reviews and root cause analyses. Following the decision to disinvest in the service, these homes have not received provision and support during outbreaks. An interim arrangement with PHE has been in place instead, but PHE have only been able to provide light touch phone support.

There is a need for a service that provides in-depth face-to-face support to residential care homes during outbreaks. This is even more important during the winter months when numbers of outbreaks rise significantly. A budget of £9,896 for this financial year and £39,581 subsequently is available and the intention is to directly award these funds to CityCare. CityCare have previously delivered this service to Residential homes in Nottingham City and have in-depth understanding of the different characteristics of residential homes. They have a fully established and experienced team of clinicians who deliver this service. The intention is that this direct award shores up capacity within the team to enable them deliver a similar, high quality service to residential care homes and will be delivered alongside the service that is currently delivered by the CCG. This will offer better access to the team of IPC staff and better value for money for the council.

Within the financial envelope, the provider will provide an IPC service to care homes and homes with care beds. Based on the number of outbreaks in care homes/care home beds over the last 3 year 25 outbreaks a year are anticipated. Any clinical capacity available after successful outbreak management has been completed would be used to provide training to individual care homes. Any clinical capacity available after outbreak management and training for those homes causing most concern would be used to provide targeted audits for those homes causing most concern and where outbreak frequency or complexity had increased.

The intention is to begin implementation once all approvals have been received.

**Other Options Considered:**

<p>1. Do not have a service: This option has been rejected. PHE have provided light touch phone support to residential homes in the last few months. This type of support will be insufficient in the event of a likely large scale outbreak that might involve large numbers of residents</p> <p>2. Go out to procurement: This option has been rejected. The funds available are not adequate to establish a completely new standalone service to the required level of service delivery and the established market is limited as this very specialist provision.</p>
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**Background Papers:**

None
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**Published Works:**

None
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**Affected Wards:**

Citywide
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**Colleague / Councillor Interests:**

None
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**Dispensation from Financial Regulations:**

Yes
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**Consultations:**

No consultations have taken place as the proposal is to re-establish a previously available service
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**Crime and Disorder Implications:**

This decision is unlikely to have a direct impact on crime and disorder
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**Equality:**

Please login to the system to view the EIA document: 2018 Equality Impact Assessment CIPC 2.6.docx
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**Regard for NHS Constitution:**

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.
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**Decision Type:**

Portfolio Holder
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**Subject to Call In:**

Yes
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Call In Expiry date:

17/01/2019

Advice Sought:

Legal, Finance, Procurement, Equality and Diversity

Legal Advice:

The proposals in this report raise no significant legal issues and are supported.

The proposed award of a contract to City Care seeks to provide appropriate infection control within the City in the most efficient and cost effective means given the limited funds available. City Care are a well established organisation who already provide these specialised services under public health contracts and so the award of this funding will enable the required support with better access to IPC teams offering better value for money to the Council. The duration of the award sits in parallel with the duration and expiry of the CCG IPC contract.

It is understood that it is not deemed possible or viable with respect to both funding and resourcing, to procure this support as a standalone service. For the reasons given in the report and the fact that the funding is below the EU threshold for Light Touch Services, dispensation from Contract Procedure Rule 5.1.2 in accordance with Financial Regulation 3.29 is therefore supported.

Advice provided by Dionne Claire Scream (Solicitor) on 17/12/2018.

Finance Advice:

This decision seeks approval to award a contract to CityCare to ensure continuation of the efficient provision of appropriate infection control within the City.

The total cost of this decision is £247,381.25 for the total possible contract period of 6.25 years (5.25 years + optional 1 year) which works out at £39,581 per annum. The contract period is set to commence from 01st January 2019.

This contract will be funded from the Public Health Grant received by the local authority included in the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP). However, if future years final Public Health settlements are lower than anticipated, any funding shortfall will need to be mitigated within the reduced Public Health budget allocation.

This decision seeks dispensation from Contract Procedure Rule 5.1.2 in accordance with Financial Regulation (3.29) to allow for the direct award of a contract and this is deemed appropriate in this instance for reasons outlined by the report author.

Advice provided by Hayley Mason (Strategic Finance Business Partner) on 19/12/2018.

Procurement Advice:

Procurement supports dispensation from Contract Procedure Rule 5.1.2 in accordance with Financial Regulation (3.29) to allow for direct award of a contract to the Community Infection Prevention and Control service, delivered by CityCare which is commissioned by Nottingham City CCG. The decision is justified because the funds available are not adequate to establish a completely new standalone service to the required level of service delivery.

Advice provided by Nicola Harrison (Procurement Lead Officer) on 03/12/2018.

**Equality and Diversity  
Advice:**

**The proposal enables the Council to fully meet its public sector equality duty in ensuring equality of access and reverses the adverse impacts on those protected groups as identified in the previous Equality Impact Assessment. Robust monitoring mechanisms will need to feature to ensure the benefits of the proposal are realised by the target groups.**

**Advice provided by Adisa Djan (Equality and Employability Lead) on 21/12/2018.**

**Signatures**

**Sam Webster (PH for Adult Social Care and Health)**

**SIGNED and Dated: 10/01/2019**

**Alison Challenger (Director of Public Health)**

**SIGNED and Dated: 03/01/2019**

**Laura Pattman (Strategic Director of Finance) - Dispensation from Financial Regulations**

**SIGNED and Dated: 20/12/2018**

**Chief Finance Officer's Comments:**