

# Finance and Resources Committee

10am, Thursday 5 March, 2020

## Renewal of NHS Service Level Agreements

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### 1. Recommendations

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- 1.1 The Finance and Resources Committee is asked to:
  - 1.1.1 approve the extension of Service Level Agreement contracts for children's services with the NHS, to the value of £790,000, listed at Appendix 1, from 1 April 2020.

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## 2. Executive Summary

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- 2.1 This report is to request approval for:
  - 2.1.1 the award of three years funding to the total value of £300,000 (£100,000 per annum) for NHS services supporting enhanced integrated support for children and young people with additional support needs.
  - 2.1.2 the extension of one-year funding arrangements to the value of £170,000 for NHS services supporting enhanced integrated support for children and young people in Additional Support for Learning (ASL) provisions and Throughcare and Aftercare (TCAC) services.
  - 2.1.3 the extension of three months funding arrangements to the value of £330,000 for NHS CAMHS Services and delivery of Occupational Therapy and Speech and Language Therapy in mainstream and special schools' provisions.
- 2.2 The total value of the agreed funding arrangements equates to £790,000.

## 3. Background

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- 3.1 The Council currently commissions the NHS to provide a number of enhanced services to children and young people as detailed in in the main report. Some of these arrangements have been jointly reviewed during financial year 2019-20 and are deemed appropriate to continue as outlined in appendix 3. Delivery and performance are considered fit for purpose and in line with the Scottish Government's strategic priorities for Getting it Right for Every Child.
- 3.2 Some arrangements are still under review and will be fully evaluated during financial year 2020-21.

## 4. Main report

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- 4.1 The Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 places a duty on the Education authority to make appropriate arrangements for identifying those children for whose school education they are responsible, who may have additional support needs.

Appropriate agencies have a duty to help the education authority discharge their duties. NHS Lothian and the Education Authority (the Council) collaborate to meet children's additional support needs, promoting integrated working across agencies in assessment, intervention, planning, provision and review.

- 4.2 The Act requires Councils and the NHS to ensure that children's services are provided in ways which:
  - 4.2.1 best safeguard, support and promote the wellbeing of children
  - 4.2.2 ensure that any action to meet needs is taken at the earliest appropriate time
  - 4.2.3 take appropriate action to prevent needs arising.
- 4.3 Considering this, the Council commissions additional services to ensure that children have timely access to health services appropriate to their additional support needs at school and early years. This also ensures that children can experience seamless support where they may require a range of health and educational support for complex needs, for example, consistent approaches to moving and handling for children who require high levels of physical support in everyday living.
- 4.4 The funding for these services adds value to what is already being provided by NHS Lothian under statutory duties. The services are provided with the aim of enhancing pupils' access to the curriculum and maximising educational achievements, literacy and social development.
- 4.5 These services include:
  - 4.5.1 Allied Health Professional services, principally Speech and Language Therapy for children and young people in school.
  - 4.5.2 Specialist assessment, advice and staff training for children who require high levels of physical assistance in school
  - 4.5.3 A contribution towards the Prepare team costs. Prepare is a multi-agency team providing social work and medical support to pregnant women with complex substance misuse. The team is highly successful in supporting women to stabilise their drug use leading to better health and long-term care outcomes for babies.
  - 4.5.4 Medical support for young people who are previously looked after by the local authority
  - 4.5.5 Mental health support for Looked After and Accommodated children and young people.

## **5. Next Steps**

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- 5.1 The request for one-year renewal for services listed in appendix 3 is due to a full review of the current SLA that the Local Authority is undertaking with a focus on

improving wellbeing outcomes, and to report on how the two partners are improving those outcomes.

- 5.2 The request for three months renewal for services listed in appendix 3 is due to a full review of the current SLA that the Local Authority has undertaken in collaboration with the NHS. A full report on the results and the recommendations will be submitted for consideration and approval prior to the beginning of academic year 2020-21. To ensure and improve consistency and delivery of the integrated children's services, it is deemed appropriate by both partners to align the service delivered in schools with the academic year (August – June).
- 5.3 Approval for a short-term extension is therefore being sought.

## **6. Financial impact**

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- 6.1 The total value of the agreements' renewal is £790,000. Details of the financial impact of each service provision are listed in Appendix 1.
- 6.2 In addition, the cost of individual care packages in 2018/19 was £85K. We anticipate, in the light of rising levels of children with complex needs, this will increase. At this stage, we envisage this would be a maximum of £100K.
- 6.3 Budgetary provision exists for these commitments.

## **7. Stakeholder/Community Impact**

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- 7.1 The services provided under these Service Level Agreements are responding to the need for effective integrated support and early intervention for children at school and key targeted services.
- 7.2 Council Standing Orders normally require competition for these values, however best value in this instance is achieved through maintaining collaborative working relationships with the NHS.
- 7.3 There are no adverse environmental outcomes arising from this report

## **8. Background reading/external references**

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- 8.1 Guidance on partnership working between allied health professions and education
- 8.2 The Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Act 2004
- 8.3 The Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014
- 8.4 Getting it Right for Looked After Children and Young People Strategy

## 9. Appendices

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### 9.1 Appendix 1 Proposed NHS Budgets

## Appendix 1

### Proposed NHS Budgets 2020/21

- The cost for the three months extension of the Service Level Agreement for Speech and Language Therapy is £280,000.
- The cost for the Therapy Inclusion Programme is £12,538.
- The cost for Moving and Handling Service for children requiring physical assistance is £100,800.
- The cost for the Through Care and After Care Nurse is £50,247
- The cost for the Occupational Therapy post is £51,615 per annum
- The cost for the Prepare nurse is £44,870 per annum
- The cost for CAMHS services is £53,459.

Description	Budget	Award
CAMHS - Edinburgh Connect	£35,661	3 months
CAMHS - Young People's Service nurse	£17,798	1 year
Speech and Language Therapy	£280,000	3 months
Therapy Inclusion Project (TIP)	£12,538	3 months
Moving and Handling	£100,800	1 year
TCAC Nurse	£50,247	1 year
Occupational Therapy - Early Years	£51,615	3 years
Prepare nurse	£44,870	3 years
<b>Other Total</b>	<b>£593,529</b>	
		<b>£790,000</b>