

Finance and Resources Committee

10am, Tuesday 25 June 2024

Health and Social Care Contract Extension Report

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Wards

1. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Finance and Resources Committee:

- 1.1 Approve the extension for nine months for the Health and Social Care contract for Support for families where Children and Young People are Affected by Parental Substance Use, for nine months as outlined in 4.1. The cost of the contract extension for nine months is £381,247.

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2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 This report recommends a nine month extension to the contract which currently provides support for families where children and young people are affected by parental substance use. This service covered in this report is commissioned by Edinburgh Integration Joint Board and procured by the City of Edinburgh Council.

3. Background

- 3.1 On 6 December 2021 the Scottish Government published “Preparing to Transition Towards a National Care Service for Scotland: SPPN 7/2021”. This Scottish Procurement Policy Note advises public bodies involved in the commissioning of social care services of the actions they can and should take in preparation for the transition to a National Care Service in Scotland. Integration Joint Boards are asked to review strategic commissioning plans and to consider the impact of decisions on resources and the social care market and consider the use of contract modifications or extensions where feasible to enable the collective focus to be on implementation. This review is now in progress and several contractual arrangements have been recommended, following consideration by the Health and Social Care Partnership Procurement Board, for extension.
- 3.2 This paper sets out, the proposed contractual arrangement and recommended extension with supporting rationale. The service in question is commissioned by the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board. Due to the nature of this organisation, the associated contractual arrangements sit with the City of Edinburgh Council.
- 3.3 Systems and processes across commissioning, procurement and contracting teams have been reviewed and amended to ensure that expiring contracts are identified at an earlier stage. This in turn will support improvements in control and, where applicable, that extensions are actioned timeously.

4. Main report

- 4.1 The contractual arrangement which provides support for families where children and young people are affected by parental substance use, including annual value, contract end dates and recommendation are summarised below:
- 4.2 The contract extension for 9 months will be £381,247 (annual value is £507,865) with EIJB funding £286,000 (75%) and Childrens, Education and Justice Services are funding £95,000 (25%).

Contract	Annual Value 2024/25 (£)	Extension Value 2024/25 (£)	Contract End Date	Recommendation - contracts to be extended until
Support for families where Children and Young People are Affected by Parental Substance Use	507,865	381,247	30.06.24	31.03.2025

- 4.3 The current service has been operating since 2016 and is currently delivered by Circle and Sunflower Garden. It has had extensive contact with families and children requiring support. The service has adapted and changed to fulfil new guidance and priorities and through understanding of the needs of children and families.
- 4.4 It is evident from the available statistical information and reports from organisations working with children, young people, and families that substance use continues to be a major factor in the problems and issues children experience growing up which emphasises the need for a service focussing specifically on children and families affected by parental substance use.
- 4.5 The National Drugs Mission requires Alcohol and Drug Partnerships to develop services in partnership which will promote a whole family approach to support families to stay together where possible, to reduce the impact of parental substance use and to keep families safe and together. This is in line with all national guidance in The Promise, GIRFEC and the Whole Family Approach Framework.
- 4.6 People with lived and living experience have highlighted the need for joined up services which provide support and interventions to assist all members of the family and to promote family recovery. The Edinburgh Integration Joint Board Chief Officer has commissioned a further review of the service and current delivery model to ensure alignment with strategic objectives. This will be undertaken collaboratively with officers from Education, Children and Justice Services who fund an element of the service.

- 4.7 A 9-month extension until 31 March 2025 is sought to allow sufficient time for this work to conclude, whilst maintaining the level of service for vulnerable families and children and retaining the expertise of staff whilst developing the updated service.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 If the recommendations in this paper are accepted officers from the Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership will work with colleagues in Education, Children and Justice to develop the commissioning intentions going forward.

6. Financial impact

- 6.1 The total value of the contract extensions detailed in this report is £0.381m in financial year 2024/25. The appropriate element of funding associated with the extension of the contract will be directed by Edinburgh Integration Joint Board to the Council.

7. Equality and Poverty Impact

- 7.1 There are no direct equality and poverty impacts arising from this report.

8. Climate and Nature Emergency Implications

- 8.1 As a public body, the Council has statutory duties relating to climate emissions and biodiversity. The Council

“must, in exercising its functions, act in the way best calculated to contribute to the delivery of emissions reduction targets”

(Climate Change (Emissions Reductions Targets) (Scotland) Act 2019), and

“in exercising any functions, to further the conservation of biodiversity so far as it is consistent with the proper exercise of those functions”

(Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004)

- 8.2 The City of Edinburgh Council declared a Climate Emergency in 2019 and committed to work towards a target of net zero emissions by 2030 for both city and corporate emissions, and embedded this as a core priority of the Council Business Plan 2023-27. The Council also declared a Nature Emergency in 2023.

Environmental Impacts

- 8.3 There are no direct environmental impacts arising from this report.

9. Risk, policy, compliance, governance and community impact

- 9.1 Each of the ongoing procurement exercises has been co-produced with service users, providers and other relevant stakeholders.

10. Background reading/external references

- 10.1 [Preparing to Transition towards a National Care Service for Scotland SPPN 7/2021](#)

11. Appendices
