

## North Yorkshire County Council

### Health and Adult Services Directorate

December 2019

#### Key decision - Public Health Targeted Healthy Child Programme

#### 1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this paper is to seek a Key Decision relating to an extraordinary contract extension of the Targeted Healthy Child Programme – Compass REACH. The extension is being sought from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 (5 months) in order to:

- facilitate joint commissioning of an emotional wellbeing offer, in partnership with the North Yorkshire MHL Partnership; and
- allow sufficient time to commission a suitable Young Peoples Specialist Substance Misuse Offer

#### 2. Background information.

2.1 The Targeted Healthy Child Service – Compass REACH is a nurse-led service, working with children and young people who require intensive support, including the treatment for young people's drug and alcohol misuse and early help for emotional difficulties. The current contract is provided by Compass and expires in 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 the current value is £577,000.

2.2 The Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) in North Yorkshire currently have a contract with Compass for an early intervention mental health service in schools – Compass BUZZ which has an annual value of £432,090 this contract expires 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020. NYCC have been working with the North Yorkshire MHL partnership to explore options for joining together the resource available to address a strategic commitment to bring together local emotional wellbeing pathways and simplify entry points for children and families. The CCGs have agreed to continue funding early intervention mental health services in schools post 2020 through Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust as a lead provider, with the early intervention mental health service in schools to be delivered by a subcontracted provider.

2.3 Jointly commissioning the offer would enable the CCG and NYCC to respond to feedback from children and families and respond to the national policy aims for Children and young people's mental health. In North Yorkshire, The Care Quality Commission (CQC) carried out a mental health thematic review in September 2017 which have indicated a requirement for clearer entry points to emotional mental health support. Feedback gathered from professionals, family and children as part of the engagement supported this view. By working with CCGs in North Yorkshire to jointly commission the Council will be taking steps to ensure that;

- Future services are more closely aligned;
- Seamless pathways between services are promoted, breaking down barriers between services including universal, targeted and specialist services; and
- The services are aligned with the proposals in the Green Paper which provide a significant step towards a new joined up approach to mental health support.

#### 3. Future commissioning and procurement

3.1 In September 2019 the North Yorkshire MHL partnership board formally considered options of joint commissioning. The board confirmed that they are supportive of a joint commissioning

arrangement and a lead provider model, but do not want to include the alcohol and substance misuse element of the Compass REACH contract due to organisational clinical governance concerns.

3.2 As a result of the MHL D partnership board decision to exclude the alcohol and substance misuse element, NYCC has initiated an options appraisal for delivery of a specialist substance misused offer from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020. A Gateway decision making process to determine how this will be commissioned will be completed in February 2020.

3.3 In order to ensure continuity of service offer and allow sufficient time to complete the joint commissioning process, an extraordinary contract extension is being sought. If approved the Compass REACH contract would end 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 and would then align with the CCG Compass BUZZ contract.

#### 4. Commissioning process and progress to date.

4.1 The commissioning process will be managed within the proposed timeframe

TimeLine	Dec 2019 – January 2020	Jan-Feb 2020	March-August 2020	September 1 <sup>st</sup> 2020
Action	Options appraisal for procurement of young people’s substance misuse offer  Revision of service description for both the emotional wellbeing and substance misuse elements	Agreement internal sign off	Delivery of agreed procurement of young people’s substance misuse offer  Implementation planning and transfer	New service offer for both emotional wellbeing and young people’s substance misuse

4.2 CCG and NYCC meetings have commenced to draft the potential service outcomes for the emotional health offer.

4.3 Internal NYCC meetings have commenced to carry out an options appraisal for the substance misuse offer. Current options being explored include;

- External market exercise
- Use of existing contract flexibilities
- In house delivery

4.4 Legal advice has confirmed current contract flexibilities will allow a 5-month extension to be granted.

#### 5. Recommendations

5.1 HASEX notes the background information and supports and extraordinary contract extension.

5.2 HASEX authorises the Key Decision as outlined in section 1.1.

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