

# Key Decisions Report

## Psychology Informed Partnership Approach

**REPORT TO:** Corporate Director Children and Young People's Services (CYPS); Stuart Carlton and Executive Members.

**DECISION DATE:** Tuesday 21 January 2020

**SUPPORTING ANNEX:** This report includes a supporting Annex which contains exempt information as described in paragraphs 1, 3 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

### PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Authority directly award the Collaboration Agreement to Tees Esk and Wear Valley Foundation Trust (NHS body) following the agreement of additional funding by Management Board on 10 December 2019 to secure the commitment and staff from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2025 to continue to deliver psychology support to young people.

### BACKGROUND TO SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION

There is currently a Collaboration Arrangement in place with Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV) until 31 March 2020 for the Clinical Practitioner Service Offer.

This arrangement was commissioned to enable the Authority and TEWV to work together and create a partnership response to a new model of support which enables vulnerable children and young people access to evidence based psychological support. The model in place is based on practice learning and national and international evidence base.

To date the agreement has been funded through Partners in Practice (PiP) monies which ceases in March 2020. The service specification within the current collaboration agreement stipulated that in 2020 there will be a consolidation of the services with the view to introducing one service mode. This prompted an opportunity to look at combining best practice and learning from the Looked After Children (LAC), Child Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) and PIPA in a cohesive single model for future provision.

Following completion of an options appraisal (included as an appendix in the confidential appendix), the proposal to go ahead with the Psychology Plus Advanced Practitioner Model was agreed by Children and Young People's Leadership Team (CYPLT) on 20 June 2019. Since this agreement there have been some amendments due to an additional post for a Leaving Care psychologist combined with the savings offered by TEWV in respect of a 10% reduction on their on-costs. The subsequent funding for this service has been agreed by Management Board on 10 December 2019 (as detailed above).

## **LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE COMPLIANCE**

A Collaboration Agreement will be put in place to govern and manage the arrangement between the Authority and TEWV.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Authority directly award the Collaboration Agreement to Tees Esk and Wear Valley Foundation Trust (NHS body) for the period of 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2025 to continue to deliver psychology support to young people.