



Operational Officer Decision Record

Where the decision has a financial value of between £100k - £350k and does not have a significant impact on two or more wards

1. Subject and details of the matter (to include reasons for the decision)

Approval is sought to modify the current Mental Health Support Teams (MHST) contract, provided by Compass GO.

The modification will allow Compass GO to increase their resources and deliver an additional team to provide dedicated and focused support to educational settings that support children with SEND.

The modification is being funded by Wave 9 funding, which has been awarded by NHS England and Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care System. Details of this funding are attached in section 5.

The current contract supports the mental health of children and young people in North East Lincolnshire.

The modification will allow Compass GO to implement an additional team of people to enhance the current MHST contract. The new team will be dedicated to support SEND, ensuring the service is suitably adapted to support the needs of children, young people, and families. The enhanced resource will focus on early intervention and prevention. Applying this focus aims for the service for SEND to be more reactive, informed and accessible while reducing health inequalities for young people.

Further support and resource will also be provided into SEND specialist and alternative educational settings.

Following on from the announcement from NHS England (NHSE) and Humber and North Yorkshire (HNY) Integrated Care System (ICS), the approval for the additional funding to Compass GO has been approved by NEL Place Director and discussed at the Health and Care Contracting Group in April.

Value of Contract (23/24): £1,106,775

Whole Life Value: £4,521,803 **Value of the Modification:**

Financial Period	Funding Allocation
2023/2024 (Sep-Mar)	£107,910
2024/2025	£188,471

**Funding post 2025 has not been agreed by NHSE at present*

Funding is from NHS England and is passed across to the Council via the Children's Trust Agreement. There is no ask on Council funding.

2. Decision being taken

Approval by the Director of Children's Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education to approve of the Mental Health Support Teams contract to allow the provider, Compass GO to increase their resources and deliver an additional team to provide dedicated and focused support to educational settings that support children with SEND .

3. Anticipated outcome(s)/benefits

The Mental Health Support Team contract is modified to allow Compass GO to deliver an additional team and provide dedicated and focused support to educational settings that support children with SEND.

4. Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer when making the decision (this should be similar to original cabinet decision)

The alternative decision was to decline the additional MHST which was awarded by NHSE and the HNYICS.

Following on from the announcement from NHSE and HNY ICS, the approval for the additional funding for the MHST Contract has been approved by NEL Executive Director Place and Resources and a paper circulated at the Health and Care Contracting Group in April.

If the funding was not agreed for the modification of the MHSTs then the ICB would re-allocate the funding to another area within the HNY ICS. This funding is ring fenced to deliver on the MHST programme of work.

5. Background documents considered (web links to be included and copies of documents provided for publishing)

6. Does the taking of the decision include consideration of Exempt information? If yes, specify the relevant paragraph of Schedule 12A and the reasons

None

7. Details of any conflict of interest declared by any Cabinet Member who was consulted by the officer which relates to the decision (in respect of any declared conflict of interest, please provide a note of dispensation granted by the Council's Chief Executive)

No conflict of interest raised.

8. Monitoring Officer Comments (Monitoring Officer or nominee)

The ability to so modify will be governed by the extant contract and internal procurement framework. Officers should take appropriate advice as to whether or not the anticipated modification is permissible.

9. Section 151 Officer Comments (Deputy S151 Officer or nominee)

There are no direct implications for council resources as the increase in activity is being funded through an external grant from NHS England. Confirmation of the funding is only in place until 2024/25 and any contract modifications beyond this would need to be reconsidered.

10. Human Resource Comments (Head of People and Culture or nominee)

There are no direct HR implications arising from the contents of this report.

11. Risk Assessment (in accordance with the Report Writing Guide)

The risks are described in section 4. If the uplift for this contract is not approved the funding will be allocated to another area within the HNY ICS.

12. Has the Cabinet Tracker been updated with details of this decision?

N/A

13. Decision Maker(s):

Name: Janice Spencer

Title: Director of Children's Services

Signed: REDACTED

Dated: 20.11.23

14. Consultation carried out with Portfolio Holder(s):

Name: Cllr Margaret Cracknell

Title: Portfolio Holder for Children and Education

Signed: REDACTED

Dated: 21st November 2023

15. If the decision is urgent then consultation should be carried out with the relevant Scrutiny Chair/Mayor/Deputy Mayor

Name:

Title:

Signed:

Dated: