

S76 funding transfer 2024/25 for delivery of a Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) Cluster Based Support: MindMate Wellbeing service

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Report of: Strategic Commissioning Programme lead, Joint Integrated Commissioning, Services and Partnerships, Children and Families

Report to: Chief Officer, Service Transformation and Partnerships

Will the decision be open for call in? Yes No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

Brief summary

This report seeks approval to transfer funding by way of a section 76 to NHS West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (Leeds Based) for delivery of the Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) Cluster Based Support: MindMate Wellbeing service – 01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025.

NHS West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (Leeds Based) led the procurement of a new five-year framework agreement in 2019/21, from which Clusters are able to call off annually.

Leeds City Council is committed to joint funding the service throughout the life of the framework.

However, funding will be made available on an annual basis and as such this report seeks approval to transfer funding for 2024/25 at the value of £250,000.

Recommendations

- a) The Chief Officer – Service Transformation and Partnerships is recommended to approve the decision to transfer of funding for £250,000 for 2024/25 to NHS West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (Leeds Based) for SEMH Cluster MindMate Wellbeing service.

What is this report about?

- The purpose of the Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) Cluster Based Support: MindMate Wellbeing service is to provide an early intervention therapeutic service for children and young people in the city with social, emotional, and mental health needs.
- A new framework was procured in 2019/20. A number of bids were received and following the tender evaluation process, three providers were found to have met the required standard to be added to the framework.

- In previous years, NHS Leeds CCG (prior to establishment of the NHS West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board) transferred monies to the council and the funding from both NHS Leeds CCG and the Council was passed to clusters to commission their own SEMH provision. Under the new framework, the funding sits with NHS West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (Leeds Based) and clusters are given a notional budget to call off provision from the framework.

What impact will this proposal have?

This proposal provides strong support for the Children and Young Peoples Plan and the Council's ambition to be a Child Friendly City. The outcomes delivered through this contract will contribute to a number of the outcomes and priorities within the plan, including the outcome to ensure all young people are safe from harm and the priority to improve social, emotional, and mental health and wellbeing.

This proposal also supports the 2020-25 Best Council Plan priority make Leeds the best city for children and young people to grow up in and priority 3 within the Future in Mind Strategy – Continue to work across health, education, and social care to deliver local early help services for children and young people with emotional and mental health needs who require additional support.

The Contractors are required to consider the environmental impact of their approach to service delivery.

How does this proposal impact the three pillars of the Best City Ambition?

Health and Wellbeing

Inclusive Growth

Zero Carbon

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Climate Emergency

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What consultation and engagement has taken place?

Wards affected:

Have ward members been consulted?

Yes

No

What are the resource implications?

The total value of the Council's contribution to the framework in 2024/25 is £250,000.

For budget purposes this spend has been accounted for against the Innovations Fund (50116).

A section 76 agreement will be signed for 2024/25.

A section 76 transfer will be a more effective use of public funds than the deployment of an equivalent sum on local authority services because it will have the following benefits:

- a single approach, agreed between Leeds City Council and NHS West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (Leeds Based), to identifying suitable outcomes (and associated performance measures) for services delivered,
- increased flexibility for the contracted providers in identifying how to best deliver outcomes required,
- a single contract management approach, which will reduce the resources required for contract management and
- a shared approach from commissioners to develop a co-ordinated service model.

What are the key risks and how are they being managed?

The signing of a section 76 agreement provides clarity over the aims and objectives of the funding transfer and enables a more effective use of public funds. The council is committed to jointly funding the framework agreement over its lifetime, but funding will be made available on an annual basis to enable the council to manage budgets more effectively.

What are the legal implications?

The total value of the funding to be transferred for 2024/25 is £250,000 and so this is a significant operation decision. This decision is not subject to call in.

The service for which money is being transferred is detailed in the Section 76 Service Specification at Appendix 3. Following a procurement exercise during 2019/20 this is a jointly commissioned service with NHS West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (Leeds Based) acting as Lead Commissioner.

Options, timescales and measuring success

What other options were considered?

N/A

How will success be measured?

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Following a joint procurement exercise during 2019/20 this is a jointly commissioned service with NHS West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (Leeds Based) acting as Lead Commissioner. A joint monitoring tool will be used during the life of the contract as part of a robust joint contract management process. Performance targets and outcomes will be monitored throughout the life of the contract. NHS West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (Leeds Based) pay providers directly and ensure outputs and impact are collated and flowed to the central NHS Mental Health Services Dataset (MHSDS).

This agreement is part of a process of developing joint commissioning processes for this important contract, with regular reporting to the Leeds Joint Commissioning Board.

What is the timetable and who will be responsible for implementation?

The transfer will be in the financial year 2024/25.

Appendices

- EDCI form, DDN.

Background papers

- None