

## **APPENDIX 1**

### **Justification for the waiving of Contract Procedure Rules (CPRs) 9.1 and 9.2 in order to award a contract direct to the Women's Counselling and Therapy Service (WCTS) without seeking competition.**

It is considered that there are suitable grounds for waiving CPRs 9.1 and 9.2 in this case as WCTS provide unique services for the following reasons:

- (a) The counselling service offered by WCTS is a unique service commissioned by Adult Social Care (ASC) since 1983. It offers a free or low cost accessible counselling and psychotherapy service for Leeds women on low incomes. Venues are in the city centre and in communities around Leeds.
- (b) The service supported 199 women during 2015/16 and the areas of counselling that are focused on are depression, anxiety, domestic abuse, relationship difficulties, enduring problems arising from past physical, emotional or sexual abuse.
- (b) Their monitoring data shows that they are working with higher number of women than ever before; with more complexity. Due to the complexity presented by the women accessing this service the women are unable to access the Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) programme as it is not able to meet their needs due to not being set up to work with complex, often long term, issues.
- (c) There are other counselling services available in Leeds but they do not provide the specialism offered by WCTS. Many of the women have experienced historical sexual abuse and have come forward for support following the Jimmy Saville enquiry.
- (d) Leeds does not have a rape crisis service and WCTS fulfils this role in supporting women who have been raped.