

To implement a 9-month extension under variation 2 of the existing Co-operation agreement variation held with Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust for the Infection Prevention Control (DN384500)

Date: 23/09/2021

Report of: Head of Public Health – Health Protection

Report to: Director of Public Health

Will the decision be open for call in? Yes No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

What is this report about?

Including how it contributes to the city's and council's ambitions

- To implement a 9-month extension under variation 2 of the existing Co-operation agreement (DN384500) held with Leeds Community Healthcare Trust by 9 months (1st July 2022 to 31st March 2023). This will enable enhanced and increased capacity and capability of the existing Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Service to continue under the existing agreement. This service is commissioned by Public Health to Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust (LCH) and is required to continue with the scaling up of this service to continue to deliver on outbreak management and the COVID-19 NHS Test and Trace programme.
- The original contract variation was made using regulation 72 however the contract variation detailed a 12-month extension, this report seeks approval to extend this variation by 9 months. A letter will be issued to Leeds Community Healthcare Trust to record the variation made to the original extension period. Both parties will be required to sign to agree this change.
- The proposal is in-line with the council's ambitions to ensure the health and well-being of the population with a focus on health inequalities.

Recommendations

- a) To extend variation 2 under the existing co-operation agreement (DN384500) held with Leeds Community Healthcare Trust for 9 months from 1st July to the 31st March 2023 for a value of £396,000.00
- b) To vary the original extension period from 12 months to 9 months

Why is the proposal being put forward?

To gain approval to extend the variation 2 under the existing Co-operation agreement (DN384500) held with Leeds Community Healthcare Trust by 9 months (1st July 2022 to 31st March 2023). The value of this extension is £396,900. The funding for this extension of variation2 of the IPC co-operation agreement from 1st July 2022 to the 31st March 2023 will be accounted for in the management of the Public Health non-recurrent budget which includes the Health Inequalities Fund.

What impact will this proposal have?

Wards Affected:

Have ward members been consulted? Yes No

- 1 The LCH infection prevention service is an integral service in the provision of the local outbreak, prevention management response to community settings in Leeds. Leeds City Council needs to ensure we have a resilient, effective, and responsive service that can manage the infection prevention and control demands of COVID-19 on a more sustainable footing. An extension is required to enable LCH to provide a safe, effective and resilient service prioritising vulnerable settings with a focus on health inequalities, to deliver this work programme.

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

- 2 Executive Member has been briefed and is in agreement - 23rd September 2021

What are the resource implications?

- 3 The funding for the extension of the variation 2 of Infection Prevention Control Co-operation agreement, from July 2022 to March 2023 at a cost of £396,900 which will be accounted for in the management of the Public Health non-recurrent budget which includes the Health Inequalities Fund.
- 4 The original contract variation was made using regulation 72 however the contract variation detailed a 12-month extension, this report seeks approval to extend this variation by 9 months only. A letter will be issued to Leeds Community Healthcare Trust to record the variation made to the original extension period. Both parties will be required to sign to agree this change.

What are the legal implications?

- 5 The decisions in this report will be taken by the Director of Public Health in accordance with the officer delegation scheme as detailed in Part 3 of the Council's constitution.
- 6 As the value of this decision is less than £500k, but greater than £100k, this is a Significant Operational Decision and is not eligible for call-in.
- 7 There are no Access to Information issues arising as a result of this decision.

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

- 8 Key risks include disrupted infection prevention provision which could impact on critical outbreak prevention and management, harm minimisation to the population of Leeds

Does this proposal support the council's 3 Key Pillars?

Inclusive Growth Health and Wellbeing Climate Emergency

Options, timescales and measuring success

a) What other options were considered?

There are no other options as this is a specialist service which Leeds City Council commission to deliver Infection Prevention and Control, the provider has specialist, highly trained staff who have provided this service throughout the pandemic

The only other option is to not progress this extension which will provide significant risk to the management of the COVID-19 pandemic and the ability to prevent harm and save lives in Leeds

b) How will success be measured?

Through the contract management process of the co-operation agreement.

c) What is the timetable for implementation?

Immediately upon required approvals

Appendices

9 Equality Assessment

Background papers

10 None.