

Record of Delegated Executive Decision(s)

1. Subject of decision

Contract award to First Contact Clinical to deliver a Social Prescribing Service in North Tyneside to adults aged 18+ who are socially isolated or those who have a low to moderate mental health problem.

2. Name and Title of Decision Maker

Jacqui Old - Head of Health, Education, Care and Safeguarding in consultation with Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, the Head of Law and Governance and the Head of Resources.

3. Details of any Conflict of Interest and any Dispensation granted in respect of such Interest

None

4. Executive summary

The purpose of the report is to seek approval to award a contract to a single provider to deliver the Social Prescribing Service in North Tyneside. This Service is required in line with North Tyneside Council's duties under the Care Act 2014.

This follows the outcome of a competitive open procurement exercise in accordance with the delegated authority arrangements agreed by Cabinet at its meeting held on 12th March 2018 which authorised the Head of Health, Education, Care and Safeguarding, in consultation with the Head of Law and Governance and the Head of Resources to; undertake an open procurement exercise to procure a provider(s) to deliver the Social Prescribing Service.

5. Alternative Options considered

Not to award the contract

6. Decision(s)

Following the evaluation exercise, the contract will be awarded to First Contact Clinical who met the requirements of quality and price in relation to how they would deliver the service in North Tyneside.

7. Reasons for the Decision(s)

To award the contract and ensure a new provider is in place by the 1st April 2019.

The following reasons support this recommendation:

- (a) The current contract will expire on 31st March 2019. In order to comply with procurement regulations, the Authority has undertaken a competitive procurement exercise.
- (b) To continue to provide a much needed service to people with low to moderate mental health problems and to those that are socially isolated.

Additionally to not proceed with this award would place the Authority potentially in breach of Public Contract Regulations and open to legal challenge from the highest ranked bidder.

8. Date Decision Made

18th February 2019

9. Is this decision subject to call-in and if so expiry date of call-in period

Yes, the call-in period expires at 5.00pm on Monday 25 February 2019

10. Date of Publication

18 February 2019

11. Implementation Date (if decision not called in)

After 5.00pm on Monday 25 February 2019