

## Record of Delegated Decision

<b>Decision made by</b>	Jane Bethea, DPH North Northamptonshire Sally Burns, DPH West Northamptonshire
<b>Decision Title</b>	Utilising the extension agreed for the commissioning of the following services: 0-19 Health Visiting and School Nursing Service  Strong Start  Northamptonshire Integrated Sexual Health Service and HIV service (NISHH)  REACH (Youth Counselling offer)  Oral Health Service
<b>Date of decision (same as date form signed)</b>	16/11/ 2023
<b>Key Decision</b>	Both NNC and WNC Director of Public Health have been given delegated authority for this key decision. It is a key decision as the value exceeds £500k.
<b>Decision</b>	The purpose of this report is to seek approval by both NNC and WNC Directors of Public Health to utilise the extension for the following services by 12 months (from 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 31 March 2025): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0-19 Health Visiting and School Nursing Service</li> <li>• Strong Start</li> <li>• Northamptonshire Integrated Sexual Health Service and HIV service (NISHH)</li> <li>• REACH (Youth Counselling offer)</li> <li>• Oral Health Service</li> </ul>
<b>Reason/s for Decision</b>	the original executive paper delegated authority was given to the Director of Public Health, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing and The Director of Finance. (Details of this extension can be found <a href="#">here</a> )
<b>Alternative options considered and rejected</b>	N/A
<b>Legal implications</b>	No legal implications as it is within the existing

	contracts
<b>Financial implications</b>	No finance implications as these extension utilisations are within existing budgets
<b>Other implications</b>	N/A
<b>Background papers considered</b>	Please see attached report
<b>Declarations/conflict of interest?</b>	No
<b>Consultation</b>	Discussion with partners from WNC and NNC have agreed that these contract extensions need to be utilised.
<b>Exempt Decision?</b>	Yes “exempt Information” and is therefore not for publication by virtue of Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, Part I, Paragraph x. (paragraph number must be identified and inserted – see <b>Appendix 2</b> .)
<b>Officer/ Executive member</b>	Cllr Helen Harrison -NNC  Cllr Matthew Golby -WNC

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following services by 12 months (from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 31 March 2025):

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- **Strong Start**
- **Northamptonshire Integrated Sexual Health Service and HIV service (NISHH)**
- **REACH (Youth Counselling offer)**
- **Oral Health Service**

In addition to this, permission is also being sought to also use the extension of the oral health promotion service and dental epidemiological survey by one year so that both end on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025. This will then align with the recommissioning timetable of the other key children and young people’s services. The Oral Health contract was originally for 24 months from 1 April 2022 – 31 March 2024, with an option to extend by 1 + 1 year.

- NNC and WNC currently jointly commission the 0-19 Health visiting, Strong Start, Sexual Health, and REACH services. These services are currently being managed through a Section 75 (S75) lead and associate commissioner agreement with Northamptonshire ICB (who are the lead commissioner). This formal commissioning arrangement was agreed in March 2019, commenced in July 2019 and was due to end on 31 March 2023. NNC are the host authority and lead on the contact monitoring and

review on behalf of both NNC and WNC. In February 2023 a proposal was put forward to the Executive Committee which allowed for a further two-year extension (12 months + 12 month) to March 2025. This now needs to be formally approved by both Directors of Public Health.

### **Recommendation**

**For services described in this paper that are currently commissioned jointly by NNC and WNC until 31 March 2024, to extend the contract for one year, under the current contractual agreement, until 31 March 2025.**

### **Service Summary**

The 0-19 Health visiting and school nursing, Strong Start, Sexual Health, and REACH service contracts have been jointly commissioned between North and West Northamptonshire local authorities (NNC and WNC) since 2019.

#### ***0-19 Health Visiting and school nursing***

This service has five components and is provided by Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (NHFT). These services are:

- Health Visiting, School Nursing, Infant Feeding, Home Visiting, and

Young Parents services providing mandated visits and assessments and clinical safeguarding services.

#### ***Strong Start***

This is a 0-5 universal non-clinical early years childhood service that works across North and West Northamptonshire. The service is provided by WNC library services (in-house) and is based in the West. It provides health information, training, and employment services to assist children, parents and prospective parents and includes:

- safe sleep
- introducing children to solid food
- toilet training
- child behaviour
- child oral health
- child safety

#### ***Northamptonshire Integrated Sexual Health Service and HIV Service (NISHH)***

This service is provided by Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (NHFT). This is an open-access service and includes:

Genitourinary Medicine (GUM) Services, Long-Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC), Emergency Hormonal Contraception (EHC), HIV self-sampling and Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP).

### ***REACH Young People's Counselling Service***

This is a Young People's collaborative Counselling Service, offering a single contact number, a single online booking system, and a referral management process offering all young people a choice of service delivery points. The service is offered to young people aged 11-19 (up to 25 if the young person has special educational needs and/or disabilities) if they are accessing education in mainstream state-funded schools or colleges.

### ***Oral Health promotion***

The Northamptonshire Oral Health Promotion Service is provided by NHFT, and focuses on the following services:

- A supervised tooth brushing (STB) programme across early years settings - targeting areas where children under 5 years are at greatest risk of poor dental health
- An Oral Health education, training, and support programme to the vulnerable children's workforce and vulnerable adult workforce
- Work in partnership with local organisations and professional groups, including pharmacies, to promote national and local awareness-raising campaigns and to target high-risk communities.
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### ***Dental Epidemiological survey***

All Local Authorities commission an annual Dental Epidemiology Survey as part of the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) [National Dental Epidemiology Programme](#).

## **Finance**

The values for each of the contracts have been set out in Appendix 1, figure 1table.

### **Future commissioning decisions**

A further utilisation of the one-year extension is being sought as it is recognised that the current timeframe would make it difficult to find the right provider to tender for the contract and ensure that a sufficient amount of time was factored in for mobilisation. In addition, time is needed to factor in 3 months TUPE /recruitment processes.

As per the original executive paper delegated authority was given to the Director of Public Health, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing and The Director of Finance. (Details of this extension can be found [here](#))

The above recommendation is based on the fact that by extending the contract by a further year (to 31 March 2025) this would ensure that the current learning from the children and young people's needs assessment can be utilised to the full. It will also ensure that the new service model is fit for purpose and is embedded within local infrastructures e.g. Family Hubs.

The 0-19 Health visiting and School nursing will also need to take into consideration the impact of the Agenda for Change for which resources have already been put aside by both NNC and WNC.

The extension will provide commissioners enough time to work with early years providers, children's services, family hubs and our youth offer to align those offers better and support a more sustainable package of young people services.

## **5 Next Steps**

Commissioners will formally write to the providers letting them know of the of the agreed extension period (1 April 2024-31 March 2025) including the annual contract value and will ensure that there is a signed agreement for audit purpose and the delivery of KPIs over the next financial year.

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Table of contracts In Scope of the Decision:			
Contact name	Estimated Current Annual Contract Value	North Split (48.6%)	West Split (51.4%)
<b>Contact name 0-19 Health Visiting Service:</b>			
0-19 School Nursing	£2,734,736	£1,329,082	£1,405,654
Health Visiting	£8,539,431	£4,150,163	£4,389,268
Infant Feeding Service	£47,049	£22,866	£24,183
0-5 universal non-clinical service (Strong Start)	£601,000	£292,086	£308,914
Family Nurse Partnership	£441,087	£214,368	£226,719
<b>Sub Total 0-19</b>	<b>£12,363,303</b>	<b>£6,008,565</b>	<b>£6,354,738</b>
<b>Contract Name: Integrated Sexual Health &amp; HIV Service</b>	<b>Estimated Current Annual Contract Value</b>	<b>North Split 48.60%</b>	<b>West Split 51.40%</b>
PrEP	£122,100	£59,341	£62,759
HIV Testing	£15,000	£7,290	£7,710
Community Access to EHC	£15,000	£7,290	£7,710
LARC Contraception in primary care (CPC)	£550,000	£267,300	£282,700
CYP access to sexual health service outreach/clinics (Block contract)	£3,712,632	£1,804,339	£1,908,293
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£4,414,732</b>	<b>£2,145,559</b>	<b>£2,269,172</b>
<b>Contract Name REACH</b>	<b>Estimated Current Annual Contract Value</b>	<b>North Split 48.6%</b>	<b>West Split 51.4%</b>
REACH 2022/23	£601,000	£292,086	£308,914
<b>Sub Total Reach</b>	<b>£601,000</b>	<b>£292,086</b>	<b>£308,914</b>
<b>Oral Health</b>	<b>Estimated Current Annual Contract Value</b>	<b>North Split 48.6%</b>	<b>West Split 51.4%</b>
Oral Health Improvement Service	£49,000	£23,814	£25,186
Dental Epidemiological Survey	£70,000	£34,020	£35,980
<b>Sub Total Oral Health</b>	<b>£119,000</b>	<b>£57,834</b>	<b>£61,166</b>
<b>Grand Total In Scope</b>	<b>£17,498,035</b>	<b>£8,504,044</b>	<b>£8,993,990</b>