

Key Decision Record – Officers

This record must be completed as soon as the decision is made and forwarded together with any reports immediately to Democratic Services.

Name of Officer taking decision:

Wendy Fabbro, Strategic Director, People Group

Date of Decision:

23.5.12

Urgent Matter ? : Yes/No* If Urgent Name of Councillor Giving Consent

No

Confidential or Exempt *[please state category of exempt information]*

No

Summary of Matter

- 1.1 Authorisation is needed for the commencement of a competitive tender process to establish a framework of providers to deliver a range of emotional well-being and mental health interventions required by school age children. The service will be tendered through an outcome based specification which will require potential providers to think creatively about the most effective, evidence based interventions to reduce the distress and improve the mental health and resilience of the children worked with. It is anticipated that these interventions will comprise, as a minimum, one-to-one counselling, mentoring, evidence based group work, and family interventions and will be provided by a range of skilled and experienced providers.
- 1.2 This project is a follow on from the 'Targeted Mental Health in Schools (TAMHS) Project' that was part of a two year national pathfinder programme and was delivered in Warwickshire to 3 secondary schools and 7 primary schools. The evaluation of this project was very positive and in addition the Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee were also pleased with the outcomes and overall impact.
- 1.3 The budget of £420k has already been secured from the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for two years which has been approved by the Schools Forum in December 2011.
- 1.4 It is envisaged that this will be a four year framework (2 years + 2 year extension) that will enable schools, through the CAF process to have a list of providers who offer good quality services at a competitive price via a tendering process.

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| 1.5 | The benefits of the procurement process will mean improved mental health of children within the school setting through early identification and treatment of emotional well being and mental health issues. Therefore the longer-term impact will be a reduction in the number of referrals into Specialist CAMHS. |
| 1.6 | This service will focus on children with mild to moderate mental health needs. An estimated cost of a child needing an intervention could be £50 per session and may need upto 6 sessions, with a total cost of £300 per child. Therefore with the approved budget it would mean meeting the needs of approximately 1300 children in Warwickshire over the first two years. |

Decision Taken

Approval to proceed and to deliver detailed specifications to Strategic Director before placing adverts.

<i>Is the decision taken contrary to or not wholly in accordance with the policy framework or budget? No</i>

Reasons for Decision

Strategic direction is approved following discussion, but details are now required.
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Any Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

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List of Reports considered [please attach or forward a copy]

Emotional Well-being and Mental Health Services for Schools- Schools Forum, December 2011 Authorisation to establish a framework for emotional well-being and mental health services for school age children

List of Background Papers *[please include directorate/ contact names and numbers for access to background papers]*

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Any members consulted together with any declarations of interests and any dispensations from the Standards Committee