

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Executive Decision Record

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| <b>Decision Maker:</b> | Executive Member for Public Health |
| <b>Date:</b>           | 22 January 2019                    |
| <b>Title:</b>          | Public Health Nursing Service      |
| <b>Report From:</b>    | Director of Public Health          |

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### 1. The decision:

1.1. That the Executive Member for Public Health gives approval to spend for the Hampshire Public Health Nursing Service, 0-19 years, up to the maximum value of £144.7m (£20.6m p.a. for 7 years + £0.5m transformation money), for a maximum contract term of 7 years (5 years with the option to extend for a period or periods of up to 2 years), commencing on 1 August 2020.

### 2. Reason(s) for the decision:

2.1. Responsibilities for commissioning for school nursing and health visiting transferred from NHS England to local authorities in 2013 and 2015 respectively. Since that time Public Health in Hampshire County Council has been the lead commissioner for these Public Health nursing services. The five face-to-face checks provided by health visiting and the National Child Measurement Programme provided by school nursing are mandated elements of the service. Together health visiting and school nursing deliver the Healthy Child Programme.

2.2. The Healthy Child Programme is a prevention and early intervention Public Health programme that lies at the heart of the universal service for children and families. Pregnancy and the first years of life are among the most important stages in the life cycle. This is when the foundations of future health and wellbeing are developed and is a time when parents are receptive to learning and improving their family's lifestyles. The opportunities for prevention and early intervention in 0-19 year olds are highlighted in the Marmot Review, by the Chief Medical Officer and in the November 2018 Department of Health publication "Prevention is Better Than Cure" .

### 3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Removing Public Health nursing from the market. Procurement and Legal advised against this option.

3.2. A joint procurement with CCGs. This was considered to be too risky by the Public Health senior management team. Instead it was decided at a system

level that an aligned procurement would bring more services into scope for integration, allow integration to happen sooner and reduce risk.

**4. Conflicts of interest:**

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None.

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: none.

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

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22 January 2019

**Executive Member for Public Health  
Councillor Patricia Stallard**