

Officer Decision Record Template

Record of Decision of Carrie Abbott taken in consultation with Julia Burrows

Subject

The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in the need for an extension to the current infection prevention and control service which is jointly commissioned by BMBC Public Health and Barnsley CCG. This is to ensure that infection prevention and control training can be offered to a wide range of adult social care providers to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 in these settings and to protect vulnerable adult social care service users. Funding for the service extension was identified from the 'local authority test and trace service support grant' announced on 11th June for costs up to March 2022, and from the Public Health reserves for costs beyond March 2022. A revised service specification was drafted by Christine Fisher (head of BHFT IPC Commissioning Advisory Service), Sheena Morton (Barnsley CCG), Emma White (Public Health), Helen Watson (Public Health), Ben Holden (Public Health) and Sharon Graham (Adult Joint Commissioning). During discussion with Amanda Capper (Barnsley CCG) it was identified that as the CCG is the lead commissioner for the current IPC service, and the NHS have adopted block contracts during the COVID-19 pandemic, a contract variation cannot be made at this time. Discussion was subsequently held with Jenny Grant (Category manager), James Farrimon (Procurement Officer) and Stephen Baldwin (Legal Services) about how to proceed. Although a services agreement was considered, it was agreed that providing the funds as a grant to the BHFT IPC Commissioning Advisory Service with staged payments across two financial years would be the best way forward. The previously agreed revised service specification was reformatted into the specification detailing the purposes of the grant money.

Authority

This conforms with the Council's Scheme of Delegation and the decision rests with the Executive Director or delegated authority provided to the relevant Service Director. (Figure does not exceed £250,000).

Decision Taken

The IPC Commissioning Advisory Service will be funded an additional £190,000 through a grant, with payments staged over two financial years. The purpose of this grant is to extend infection prevention and control training to wider adult social care settings in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Date of Decision

01/10/20

Elected Member Conflicts of Interest

Record any conflicts of interest, and dispensations granted

Signature 

Carrie Abbott

*(Insert more Officer names as
required)*

Signature
Cabinet Spokesperson
(if required)

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