

Bath & North East Somerset Council		
MEETING:	Health & Wellbeing Select Committee	
MEETING DATE:	30th September 2015	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
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TITLE:	The transfer of commissioning responsibility for 0-5 services (Health Visiting and Family Nurse Partnership) to Local Authorities from 1 st October, 2015	
WARD:	All	
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM		
List of attachments to this report: Appendix A : B&NES Transition Plan		

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 From 1st October local authorities will take over responsibility for commissioning 0-5 services (Health Visiting and Family Nurse Partnership) from NHS England. A 0-5 Transition Board has been planning for and overseeing the handover to ensure a smooth transition and has in place a risk assessment to identify and mitigate any risks associated with this transfer. The provider (Sirona Care and Health) have an agreed transition plan in place and are ready to safely manage the shift from “registered” to “resident” population. The contract and the novation agreement have been signed and the Public Health commissioning team are fully prepared to take on their contractual responsibilities and report on the mandatory elements within the core Health Visiting service and aspire towards continuous service improvement, in partnership with other Children’s Services commissioners.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To note the commissioning responsibilities being transferred to the Local Authority on 1st October 2015 and the progress made to ensure a smooth transfer.
- 2.2 To note the functions of the Health Visitor and Family Nurse Partnership services and the important contribution they make towards outcomes for children and families.

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

- 3.1 The transfer of 0-5 children's Public Health commissioning to Local Authorities for the six month period between 1 October 2015 and 31 March 2016 is being conducted in accordance with a 'lift and shift' approach, to ensure a safe mid-year transfer.
- 3.2 The funding allocated to the Council for Oct – March 15/16 is £1,387,000 which includes £15,000 allocation for commissioning capacity. Local Authorities can expect to receive the funding for 0-5 in two quarterly instalments as part of the wider Public Health grant paid on 16 October 2015 and 15 January 2016.
- 3.3 Clarification in relation of future budgets and the status of the ring fence for the public health grant will not be available until November as part of the national spending review.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS AND BASIS FOR PROPOSAL

- 4.1 There is no decision to be made regarding this paper, it is for information, but there are mandatory public health functions within the health visiting core service specification which the local authority will become responsible for delivering and reporting performance against children's public health outcomes.

5 THE REPORT

- 5.1 The transfer of commissioning responsibility for 0-5 services (health visiting and family nurse partnership) to Local Authorities from 1st October, 2015 report is attached. It is important to note the shift from "registered" to "resident" population which has to happen as part of this transfer of responsibilities from the NHS to local authorities.
- 5.2 In essence this means that, going forward; families who are registered with a GP within the authority but are not resident in B&NES will no longer receive a service from the B&NES commissioned Health Visiting Service. This impacts a significant number of families and the transition requires strong relationships with neighbouring commissioners, providers and GP practices in order to ensure that all families, whether transferring in or out, continue to receive the mandatory service offer as outlined in the report.

6 RATIONALE

- 6.1 It is necessary to brief the committee at the point of transfer to ensure they are aware of the local authority's obligations and be assured that the council is managing the transition process attentively and with due diligence. Relevant advice has been sought from the Sections 151 Officer and Head of Legal Services.

7 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 7.1 None

8 CONSULTATION

Maria Lucas, Head of Democratic Legal Services, Richard Morgan, Finance Manager, People and Communities Department, Dr. Bruce Laurence, Director of Public Health, Ashley Ayre, Strategic Director, People and Communities Department, Cllr Michael Evans, Cabinet member for Children's services, Cllr Francine Haeberling, Chair of the

Health and Wellbeing Select Committee, Penny Hazelwood, Clinical Lead for Health Visiting.

9 RISK MANAGEMENT

A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance. The 0-5 transition board meet monthly to review the risk assessment.

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Background papers	Further information on the scope of 0-5 children's public health and the 0-5s baselines are available at: LGA website http://www.local.gov.uk/childrens-public-health-transfer DH website https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/transfer-of-0-5-childrens-public-health-commissioning-to-local-authorities NICE website https://www.nice.org.uk/advice/lgb22/chapter/Introduction
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