

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**MEETING WITH CABINET MEMBER, HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES**

**20 June 2016**

**Report of the Director of Public Health**

**MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING**

**1. Purpose of the report:**

To seek approval under Protocol 8 (Sole Supplier) of the Council's Financial Regulations to award of a contract for a train-the-trainer training course for 10 Adult Education tutors in Mental Health First Aid ("MHFA").

**2. Information and analysis:**

At the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities meeting on 24 November 2015, approval was given for investment in training Adult Education tutors, to be able to deliver MHFA training as part of a train the trainer model.

There is only one provider for MHFA training in the country (Mental Health First Aid England), as it is a copyrighted programme.

The original proposal was to train 4 tutors in MHFA and to invest the remaining budget into delivery of courses. However, following further investigation into the training, the fees increased from 1 April 2016 and it transpired that the only upcoming courses were to be held in London. This meant that tutors would have additional travel, accommodation and subsistence costs for 7 days, which significantly increased the initial costs.

A more cost-effective solution, subsequently identified, was to host a training course in Derbyshire and train 10 tutors. This would provide two and a half times the capacity and additional value to the sustainable infrastructure for delivery of the mental health agenda in Derbyshire.

**3. Financial considerations:**

These costs were allocated in the previous financial year and will be met from the 2015/16 Public Health budget.

£22,150 Tutor training from Mental Health First Aid England

£5,650 Delivery of courses

**£27,800 Total**

**4. Legal considerations:**

Protocol 8 of the Financial Regulations state that where the value of the services being awarded to a sole supplier is above £20,000, it is for the Cabinet Member to decide whether to approve the contract.

**5. Social Value considerations:**

Local delivery of the training of MHFA Trainers not only reduced costs, but added value to the sustainable infrastructure in terms of capacity of local trainers within the Adult Education team for delivery of the mental health agenda in Derbyshire.

**6. Other considerations:**

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equality of opportunity, human resources, environmental, health, property, and transport considerations.

**7. Background papers:**

Health and Communities Cabinet Member Report 24 November 2015  
[http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/images/241115%20Mental%20Health%20and%20Wellbeing\\_tcm44-272548.pdf](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/images/241115%20Mental%20Health%20and%20Wellbeing_tcm44-272548.pdf)

**8. Key Decision:**

No

**9. Call-in:**

Is it required that call-in be waived for any decision on this report? No

**10. Officer's recommendation:**

That the Cabinet Member approves the award of a contract to Mental Health First Aid England for the provision of an MHFA training course to 10 Adult Education tutors on a train-the-trainer basis in Derbyshire.

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