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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET

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Report of the Director of Public Health

**Contribution from the Public Health ring-fenced Grant to Children’s services to support the budget to procure a Derbyshire Pause programme – an intervention aimed to work with women experiencing, or being at risk of a Cycle of recurrent Care proceedings.
(Health and Communities)**

1. Purpose of the report:

To approve the contribution from the Public Health ring-fenced Grant of £150,000 to Children’s Services to support the Pause programme.

2. Information and analysis:

This paper supports the Cabinet Paper 18 April 2019 (Minutes 91/19), seeking delegated authority for the Executive Director of Children’s Services to procure a Derbyshire Pause programme. Pause is included in the Council Plan 2019/20.

Pause is an innovative programme working to address the health needs of identified women experiencing or being at risk of a cycle of recurrent care proceedings. It is working currently in 27 local authorities nationally and is acknowledged by a recent Department of Education Evaluation Report (July 2017), showing positive results for women towards breaking the cycle of care proceedings that causes such harm to themselves and their children as well as realising significant savings to the NHS and Social Care system.

Pause works intensively to support and empower women to “pause” and take control over their lives through new and increased engagement with mainstream services to address significant health needs towards improvements in wellbeing, resilience and stability.

Women who experience or are at risk of care proceedings are shown to live within an ongoing cycle of physical and mental illhealth. (Ismail 2017; Broadhurst et al. 2015, 2016; Hackney Feasibility Study, 2013).

This cycle of illhealth is exacerbated by risk factors within often “chaotic lifestyles” including substance misuse, domestic violence, homelessness, temporary housing, financial difficulty, sexual exploitation, self-history of being in the care system and involvement in criminal proceedings. These factors can be interlinking, impacting on a woman’s mental and physical health, hindering her ability to deal with the complex issues in her everyday life and that of her family.

Public Health supports Pause in its working with women experiencing significant health inequality to empower them to manage life better. Pause practice nationally (Evaluation Report, DfE, 2017) concludes the following specific health outcomes for women, children and the family unit:

- better access to mainstream services resulting in improvements to individual stability and basic needs such as housing, food, finance, education, training and employment
- Improved access to health services such as general practice, dental, sexual health and substance misuse
- Improved mental health, sense of wellbeing and selfworth

Pause in Derbyshire is an opportunity for whole system working across Children’s services, Public Health, the wider Council and broader partners to maximise health outputs for women with significant vulnerabilities alongside realising efficiencies to the Council and wider system.

3 Social Value considerations:

The Pause programme works with women living with significant vulnerability, enabling them to regain control over their lives towards achieving long term health outcomes underpinned by improved wellbeing and sense of self, better service engagement and stability. Pause offers women an opportunity to re-enter or begin education and training, volunteering and/or employment within the local community.

4. Financial Considerations:

This report seeks Cabinet approval for the contribution from the Public Health ring-fenced Grant of £150,000 to Children’s Services as instructed by the Revised Financial Regulations April 2019 beginning 1 April 2019.

5. Legal Considerations

Where one department of the Council proposes to transfer funds to another department of the Council, Regulation b.4 of the Council’s Financial Regulations April 2019 requires a joint report to be submitted to Cabinet by the relevant Executive Directors.

6. Background papers:

18 April 2019 Cabinet Report (Minutes 91/19) of the Strategic Director of Children's Services.

Evaluation of Pause, Research Report. DfE 2017.

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/625374/Evaluation of Pause.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/625374/Evaluation_of_Pause.pdf)

7. Key Decision:

No

8. Call-in:

Is it required that call-in be waived for any decision on this report?

No

9. Officer's Recommendation:

To approve the contribution from the Public Health ring-fenced Grant of £150,000 to Children's Services to support the Pause programme, a programme aimed at addressing the needs of women experiencing, or being at risk of a cycle of recurrent care proceedings.

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