

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

**04 November 2014**

**Report of the Director of Public Health**

**HEALTH VISITING AND FAMILY NURSE PARTNERSHIP SERVICES –  
TRANSFER TO LOCAL AUTHORITY OCTOBER 2015  
(HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES)**

**1. Purpose of the Report:**

To inform Cabinet about the on-going arrangements for transition of commissioning responsibilities for the Health Visiting and Family Nurse Partnership services from NHS England to Derbyshire County Council in October 2015, to seek approval for the transfer of these contracts and associated funding to the local authority at that time, and to provide an update on plans to develop the new Public Health Nursing and Prevention Service for Derbyshire.

**2. Information and Analysis:**

From 1 October 2015, the Government intends that local authorities take over responsibility from NHS England for commissioning public health services for children aged 0-5. This includes health visiting and Family Nurse Partnership ((FNP) targeted services for teenage mothers).

The transfer of 0-5 commissioning will enable more integrated planning and commissioning across all local authority services including public health services for children and young people 5-19.

The strategic aim in Derbyshire is to re-procure a new Public Health Nursing and Prevention Service for ages 0-19. This service will include health visiting and will ensure full integration with the School Nursing Service. The service will also include the Children and Young People's Health Promotion Service, vision screening and the Prevention of Uptake of Smoking service (see Table 1).

The new service will be implemented from October 2015 with a phased implementation for the health visiting aspect of the service of April 2016.

The total current contract values of all services included in the re-procurement is approximately £14.4m. The re-procured service will be approximately £13.7m, a planned saving of £700k.

**Table 1 Public health commissioned services to be included in the new Public Health Nursing and Prevention Service:**

<b>Service</b>	<b>Current provider</b>	<b>Current commissioner</b>	<b>Current contract value (approx.)</b>	<b>Annual contract value of re-procured service(approx.)</b>
School Nursing	Chesterfield Royal Hospital	DCC	£3.6m	£3.1m
	Derbyshire Community Health Care Trust	DCC		
	Stockport NHS Foundation Trust	DCC		
Health Visiting	Derbyshire Community Health Care Trust	NHS England (transfer to DCC Oct15)	around £10m (yet to be confirmed)	around £10m (yet to be confirmed)
	Stockport NHS Foundation Trust	NHS England (transfer to DCC Oct15)		
Vision Screening	Chesterfield Royal Hospital (north)	DCC	£130k	£110.5k
	Derbyshire Healthcare Foundation Trust (south)	DCC		
Children and Young People Health Promotion Service	Derbyshire Community Health Care Trust	DCC	£577k	£450k
Prevention of uptake of smoking	Derbyshire Community Health Care Trust	DCC	£70k	£59.5k
Approx total			£14.4m	£13.7m

The Family Nurse Partnership (FNP), will also be re-procured at the same time but as a separate contract. The Derbyshire FNP is currently provided by Ripplez (a social enterprise partnership) at a contract value of approximately £700k.

## **Rationale for new service development**

The early years are critical in shaping health and wellbeing throughout life. Improving outcomes for children, families and communities as well as creating services that provide better access and experience, are essential. Public health nurses have a significant role in leading and co-ordinating delivery of public health interventions to address individual and population needs. Their role is to work in an integrated way to lead and coordinate and deliver public health interventions and thus play a major role in supporting the County Council to fulfil the responsibilities for the health and wellbeing of children and young people.

Health visiting and school nursing provide public health early intervention for the 0-19 year olds and their families. Their work significantly supports and contributes to the early intervention approaches that Multi-agency teams and Children Centres are charged with.

The new service will therefore ensure more integrated service delivery and improved outcomes for children and young people:

- Clear priorities around reducing inequalities and improving health that will contribute to improved outcomes for children and young people and their families.
- Universal provision that routinely works with the 0-19s, enabling a holistic assessment identifying family, environmental, health, development and social care needs and mobilises appropriate support (Health, Multi-agency Teams, and Children Centres, Voluntary Sector, Education) to provide early intervention to improve outcomes for the family.
- Strong partnership working with health, the voluntary sector and others to provide an “Early Help” offer through integrated services that can share information, work collaboratively to provide help to families to support healthy child development.

## **Transition planning for the Healthy Child Programme 0-5**

The council is working closely with both the NHS England Area Teams (Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire and Greater Manchester) to develop plans for a smooth transfer of commissioning in October next year.

It is intended that national regulations to effect the transfer will be in place by May 2015, subject to Parliamentary approval. Included in the

regulations will be some mandated elements of the 0-5 Healthy Child Programme. These will be:

- Antenatal health promoting visits
- New baby review
- 6-8 week assessment
- 1 year assessment
- 2-2½ review

### **3. Financial Considerations:**

For 2015/16, the transfer of commissioning responsibilities will be a 'lift and shift' arrangement. This means that the amount to be transferred to Local Authorities will be the same as NHS England's Area Teams spend on 0-5 services at the point of transfer.

The final financial allocation for the services to be transferred to DCC won't be published until December 2014, although indicative contract values for Derbyshire's health visiting services are approximately £10m and for the Derbyshire FNP approximately £700k.

From 2016/17 onwards the 0-5 baseline will be added to existing local government public health grant allocations to form an overall public health grant allocation. As with existing allocations, areas will be brought towards their fair share allocations through the current process. The public health grant allocation formula will be amended to take account of the 0-5 transfer.

### **4. Legal Considerations:**

National guidance is awaited on the technical and legal aspects of contractual transfer from NHS England to Derbyshire County Council.

### **5. 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, property and transport considerations.

### **6. Key Decision:**

Yes

**7. Call-in:**

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

**8. Background Papers:**

Reports available from the Health and Communities Department

**9. Officer's Recommendations:**

That:

- 9.1 Cabinet notes the work underway to plan for the transfer of commissioning responsibilities for health visiting and the Family Nurse Partnership from NHS England to Derbyshire County Council
- 9.2 Approves the transfer of these contracts and associated funding from NHS England to the local authority in October 2015.
- 9.3 Cabinet notes the related work underway to re-procure the new Derbyshire Public Health Nursing and Prevention Service which will be subject to a further report.

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