

Executive Report



Delegated Decisions - 19 December 2023

Extension of Contracts for GP Delivery of NHS Health Checks

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Wards affected	All wards

Executive Summary

Milton Keynes City Council are the lead commissioner of NHS Health Checks on behalf of Bedford Borough (BBC), Central Bedfordshire (CBC), and Milton Keynes (MKCC). This is part of the Public Health Shared Service Agreement across the three Local Authorities (LAs). NHS Health Checks is a mandated service which GP practices across each LA are contracted to deliver as part of the primary care Public Health Enhanced Services (PHES) contracts.

The current BBC, CBC and MKCC contract for the delivery of NHS Health Checks expires on 31 March 2024. This report is seeking approval to utilise the 12-month contract extension option, built into the original contract to **extend the contracts from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.**

The total value of the one-year contract extension across the three LAs is £482,231. The MKCC proportion of this cost equates to £225,175, which covers the cost outlined in the original DD (£220,738) plus associated price increases. Bedford Borough and Central Bedfordshire Councils are recharged for their costs.

1. Proposed Decisions

- 1.1 That contracts with GP practices for the delivery of NHS Health Checks across Bedford Borough Council, Central Bedfordshire Council and Milton Keynes City Council be extended or 12 months from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.
- 1.2 That authority be delegated to the Deputy Director of Public Health to finalise contract extensions with individual GP practices.

2. Why is the Decision Needed?

- 2.1 Approval to activate the 12-month extension is needed due to the annual value of the contract.
- 2.2 General Practice (GP) is the most common provider of NHS Health Checks in England as they have access to patient records to enable the correct identification of the eligible population. All GP practices in BBC, CBC and MKCC are contracted to deliver NHS Health Checks until 31 March 2024.
- 2.3 The preferred option is to continue with the current GP practice-provided commissioned service for another twelve months. The extension will enable us, when we are required to recommission the service in 2025, to consider new public sector procurement options when procuring with NHS organisations which come into effect January 2024.

3. Implications of the Decision

Financial	Y	Human rights, equalities, diversity	N
Legal	Y	Policies or Council Plan	N
Communication	N	Procurement	Y
Energy Efficiency	N	Workforce	N

(a) Financial Implications

The total value of the one-year contract extension is £482,231. The table below provides a breakdown of cost by LA. There is no movement of net budgets between authorities. Milton Keynes City Council will pay invoices related to the delivery of NHS Health Checks across BBC and CBC and recharge each council for their proportion of the costs as stated in the Public Health Shared service agreement.

Local Authority	1-Year Extension Costs
Bedford Borough Council	£106,921
Central Bedfordshire Council	£150,135
Milton Keynes City Council	£225,175
Total	£482,231

(b) Legal Implications

The Health and Social Care Act 2012 amended the NHS Act 2006 to give local authorities (LAs) the leading role in improving their population's health and the Secretary of State the duty to protect the health of the population in England and reduce health inequalities. NHS Health Checks are a prescribed function and mandatory.

(c) Procurement

The current contracts with GP practices for the delivery of NHS Health Checks across Bedford Borough, Central Bedfordshire and Milton Keynes have an optional extension for one year (from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025). Therefore, there is no procurement implication.

4. Alternatives

4.1 To proceed with a full procurement process. This is not a preferred option due to the points identified in section 2.

5. Timetable for Implementation

5.1 Contract extension process will commence on approval of a Delegated Decision, with contract extensions being issued to commence 1 April 2024.

List of Annexes

None

List of Background Papers

None