

# Executive Report



Delegated Decision - 7 January 2025

## NHS Health Check GP Delivery: Re-procurement and Contract Award

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Wards affected	<b>All wards / list individual wards</b>

### Executive Summary

Milton Keynes City Council are the lead commissioner of NHS Health Checks on behalf of Milton Keynes City Council (MKCC), Bedford Borough Council (BBC) and Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) as part of the Public Health Shared Service Agreement across the three local authorities. NHS Health Checks is a mandated programme which GP practices across each Local Authority (LA) are commissioned to deliver as part of the primary care Public Health Enhanced Services (PHES) contracts. The current contracts for the GP delivery of NHS Health Checks expires on 31 March 2025.

This report is seeking approval for the re-procurement and contract award for the GP delivery of NHS Health Checks on behalf of Milton Keynes, Bedford Borough and Central Bedfordshire Councils. The contract period requested is five years running from 1 April 2025 until 31 March 2030. The total value of the five-year contract across the three LAs is £2.393m, the MKCC proportion of this cost is £1.132m (£0.226m per annum). Bedford Borough and Central Bedfordshire Councils are recharged for their costs.

## 1. Proposed Decisions

- 1.1 That the Council use the NHS Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Direct Award B to procure the services of all GP practices to deliver NHS Health Checks, in line with national guidance on behalf of Milton Keynes, Bedford Borough and Central Bedfordshire Councils.
- 1.2 That the award of contracts to all GP Practices for the delivery of the NHS Health Check programme, on behalf of all three Local Authorities, for a five-year period, commencing on 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2030, be approved.
- 1.3 That authority be delegated to the Director of Public Health (in consultation with the Cabinet member for Adult Services, Health and Communities) to award each contract. The total financial envelope to be delegated is £478,562 per annum.

## 2. Why is the Decision Needed?

- 2.1 The NHS Health Check is a mandated service which aims to prevent cardiovascular disease and associated conditions through the early assessment, awareness, and management of individual behavioural and physiological risk factors. The NHS Health Check eligibility criteria is people aged between 40 to 74 years with no history of cardiovascular disease.
- 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 Milton Keynes City Council, Bedford Borough, and Central Bedfordshire are contracted to deliver NHS Health Checks until 31 March 2025.
- 2.3 Approval to proceed to procure and award the contracts will ensure that each LA maintains their statutory responsibility for the delivery of NHS Health Checks and will also support local communities through the early identification and management of risk factors for cardiovascular disease.
- 2.4 The intention is to use The Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023, Direct Award Process B to procure the services of all GP practices across Milton Keynes, Bedford Borough and Central Bedfordshire to deliver NHS Health Checks in line with national guidance on behalf of Milton Keynes, Bedford Borough and Central Bedfordshire Councils.
- 2.5 Direct Award Process B can be utilised as NHS Health Checks services fall within the Common Procurement Vocabulary codes of PSR and fulfils the following criterion: contracts to deliver NHS Health Checks will be offered to all GP practices in Milton Keynes, Bedford Borough and Central Bedfordshire satisfying the requirements of offering patients choice, not restricting number of providers, and offering contracts to all providers who meet all the requirements.

### 3. Implications of the Decision

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

#### a) Financial Implications

The total value of the five-year contract across the three Local Authorities is £2.393m; the MKCC proportion of this cost is £1.132m (£0.226m per annum).

The table below provides a summary of the financial commitments broken down by LA.

Local Authority	Costs per annum	Total costs for 5 Years
MKCC	£226,450	£1,132,250
BBC	£104,282	£521,410
CBC	£147,830	£739,150
<b>Total</b>	<b>£478,562</b>	<b>£2,392,810</b>

The total contract value for each LA is based on the cumulative NHS Health Check delivery target for each individual practice within the LA. The contracts are activity based with payments made in arrears to each GP practice. Bedford Borough and Central Bedfordshire Councils are recharged for the total costs of all GP delivery in their area.

The cost per annum for each local authority is Milton Keynes £0.226m, Bedford Borough £0.104m and Central Bedfordshire £0.148m. The maximum value of an individual GP contract per annum is £28,504.

#### 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 Implications

The intention is to use NHS Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Direct Award Process B to procure the services of all GP practices across Milton Keynes, Bedford Borough and Central Bedfordshire to deliver NHS Health Checks in line with national guidance on behalf of Milton Keynes, Bedford Borough and Central Bedfordshire Councils.

The rules for using Direct Award Process B are stated in The Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023 – Regulation 6, and this can be viewed in the following link:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2023/1348/regulation/6/made>

#### 4. Alternatives

- 4.1 Local authorities have a statutory responsibility to deliver an NHS Health Check programme to the eligible population. An outreach model has been procured to support GPs with the delivery of NHS Health Checks in the community however GP practices remain the primary deliverers as they hold the patient data to be able to invite eligible patients and follow up as appropriate.

#### 5. Timetable for Implementation

- 5.1 Contracts will be awarded to commence on 1 April 2025 once approval to proceed has been confirmed.

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#### List of Annexes

None

#### List of Background Papers

None