

**Bracknell Forest Council
Record of Decision**

Work Programme Reference	I066605
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1. **TITLE:** Commissioning of Public Health Nursing Services from 2018

2. **SERVICE AREA:** Adult Social Care, Health & Housing

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

To review the options and recommendations for the future commissioning of 0–19 Public Health Nursing Services (Health Visiting and School Nursing) from April 2018.

4. **IS KEY DECISION** Yes

5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive

6. **DECISION:**

That the commissioning of a 0-19 Public Health Nursing Service incorporating Health Visiting and School Nursing be approved on the basis of a two-year contract duration (with provision for three separate one-year extensions) from 1 April 2018.

That the procurement plan set out in exempt Annex A attached to the agenda papers be approved.

That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care Health & Housing be authorised to award the contract, subject to the recommended bid being within the available budget.

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

Ensuring adequate provision of Health Visiting and School Nursing support is a mandatory responsibility of the council. A new service contract is required to provide continuity of care from April 2018.

8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

To not invest in the continued provision of Health Visiting or School Nursing services. This would be likely to significantly undermine health outcomes and safeguarding as well as represent a false economy in relation to the resulting increased demand on other services.

To deliver public health nursing services ‘in house’ in a way that is integrated with other council run children’s services (for example: early help or social care). Evidence from other areas indicates that it is likely to be an extremely complex process requiring significant management time and costs, with no evidence of any financial savings.

9. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:** Chairman of the Governing Body, BACCG
Associate Director: Safeguarding,
Designated nurse for safeguarding adults
and children, East Berkshire CCGs
Director of Finance & Performance,
Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

(provider)
Locality Director, BHFT
Head of Integrated CYPF, Universal
Children's Services, BHFT
Bracknell Forest LSCB Chair
Bracknell Forest LSCB
Director of Children Young People &
Learning
Children & Young People's Partnership
Board
Children's Social Care Management Team
Head of Early Help
Strategy & Development Manager Over 5s
Strategy & Development Manager Under 5s
Children's Centres staff
2nd stage – wider public consultation

10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Director of Adult Social Care, Health & Housing

11. **DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** None.

Date Decision Made	Final Day of Call-in Period
9 May 2017	16 May 2017