

**Bracknell Forest Council  
Record of Decision**

<b>Work Programme Reference</b>	<b>I071813</b>
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1. **TITLE:** Public Health Nursing Services Contract Award

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

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

To approve the contract award for the provision of the 0-19 Public Health Nursing Service.

4. **IS KEY DECISION** Yes

5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive Member for Adult Services, Health and Housing

6. **DECISION:**

That the Executive Member for Adult Services, Health and Housing awarded the 0-19 Public Health Nursing Service contract to Tenderer A, Option B (Proposal 4) (as set out in confidential annex of the Director of Adult Social Care, Health and Housing report) which will commence on 1st April 2018.

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

1. Ensuring adequate provision of health visiting and school nursing services is a mandatory responsibility of the Council. The current contracts for Health Visiting and School Nursing services expire in March 2018.
2. Following a 3 month consultation with parents and stakeholders between November 2016 and February 2017, an evaluation of options for the future provision of children's public health nursing services was carried out. The Executive accepted the recommendation to go out to tender for a 0-19 public health nursing service that would combine health visiting and school nursing functions.
3. A competitive tender process has been completed and a preferred solution has been identified.
4. The Executive Member for Adult Social Care, Health & Housing has been authorised to award the Contract as the recommended bid is within the available budget.

8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

1. To not invest in the continued provision of 0-19 public health nursing services. This would be likely to significantly undermine health outcomes in both young children and parents and represent a false economy in relation to the resulting demand on other services.
2. To integrate Health Visiting and School Nursing into existing council services rather than procure a service from an external provider. The outcomes of the consultation exercise demonstrated little support for bringing public health nursing services into

the council.

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  
LSCB Chair  
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
21 November 2017	28 November 2017