

Officer Executive Decision Form



DECISION DETAILS:

- 1. Subject:** Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) in Emergency Department at Bristol Royal Infirmary
- 2. Full details of the decision taken:**

To direct award a contract to Next Link to undertake this service for the period of 1st September 2019 to 31st July 2021.

This will allow us time to undertake a full procurement of all domestic abuse services for Bristol and will bring us in line with the other awarded contracts for domestic abuse.
- 3. Monetary value involved (if any):**

£137,235 for the contract period
- 4. Contract number (if applicable):**
- 5. Reason for identifying as an OED:**

We need to seek cabinet approval as the Domestic Abuse services as a whole warrants a key decision so we need OED to cover the period of the 1st September 2019 to the cabinet decision (November 2019).
- 6. Date of decision:** *insert date* 13/09/2019
- 7. Reasons for the decision:**

** Insert details of the reasons for the decision – refer as necessary to the general guidance document.*

This service was previously provided by University Hospital Bristol who gave short notice that they were not able to provide the service due to failure to recruit the necessary staff. BCC needed to ensure continuation of service in order to avoid a gap in service for vulnerable individuals. There are plans to recommission all domestic and sexual abuse services from July 2021. By giving Next Link this contract we ensure there is no break in service and will enable BCC to continue this important service until the review and procurement process has taken place

Awarding Next Link, who already provide a similar service in Southmead Hospital, this contract on a temporary basis allows BCC to meet the needs of vulnerable individuals without a break in service.

8. Details of alternative options considered and rejected:

We are actively engaged in a recommissioning process and understand the market in the domestic and sexual abuse services field. We do not believe there are any other providers who could step in and offer this service within the timescale we need. Next Link provides a similar service in another hospital and we know their track record and that they have the trained staff needed to fulfil this service. The only other option was University Hospital Bristol and they were unable to provide this specialist service as it requires trained staff who need to be adequately supervised. Unfortunately UHB was not able to fulfil the requirements of its contract and Next Link was able to do this at short notice.

9. Any conflict of interest declared by a Cabinet Member consulted by the officer taking the decision, together with a note of any dispensation granted by Audit Committee in relation to the conflict of interest (if applicable):

Not applicable.

Name: Thara Raj.....

Job title: Consultant in Public Health.....

Name: Jacqui Jensen

Job Title: Executive Director of People

Signature:



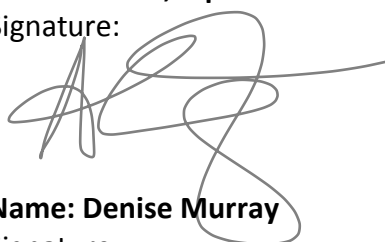
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Name: Cllr Asher Craig

Job Title: Cllr Craig, Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member:

Communities, Equalities & Public Health

Signature:

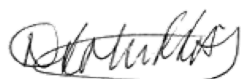


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Name: Denise Murray

Job Title: Director of Finance

Signature:



13/09/2019

