

## Officer Decision Record – Executive Decision

If Key Decision: Decision Ref. No.

**B082/20**

### OFFICER DECISION RECORD <sup>i</sup>

Officer Key Decisions are subject to the Council's Call-In Procedure (Annex 9 of the Council's Constitution <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/about-the-council/freedom-of-information-and-council-data/open-data-statistics-about-hertfordshire/who-we-are-and-what-we-do/who-we-are-and-what-we-do.aspx>)

<b>Subject:</b> Contract extension for the delivery of voluntary sector mental health services	
<b>Type of Decision:</b> Executive	<b>Key Decision (Executive Functions only):</b>  Yes
<b>Officer Contact:</b> Tara Mullaney  <b>Tel:</b> 07910 211 998	<b>Executive Member:</b> Richard Roberts  <b>Portfolio:</b> Adult Care and Health

#### 1. Decision

To extend the contracts for the delivery of mental health services with seven organisations, namely:

- Cruse
- Guideposts
- Herts Mind Network
- Herts Young Homeless
- Mind in mid-Herts
- Rethink
- Tilehouse

#### 2. Reasons for the decision

The mental health voluntary sector contracts deliver a range of services to support the emotional wellbeing and mental health of residents across Hertfordshire. These services are commissioned to bolster the wider system of mental health provision including the statutory mental health services that we commission from Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (HPFT). The contracts play a fundamental role in ensuring that individuals can

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be supported with their mental health needs in the community and without requiring statutory services.

These contracts contribute to the local implementation of the NHS long-term plan (LTP) published in January 2019, which sets out the key ambitions for the health and care service over the next 10 years and subsequently, the NHS Mental Health Implementation Plan 2019/20 – 2023/24 which provides a new framework to ensure we deliver on this commitment at a local level.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic we are seeing an increase in demand for mental health services. 'Lockdown' has taken a toll on the mental health of not only those already known to mental health services but the general population, with people not previously known to services reporting increased anxiety and low mood. Providing continuity and stability to the voluntary sector at this time is critical to ensuring capacity across the mental health system and will help us to support as many people as possible in the aftermath of this pandemic.

All contracts include a requirement for flexibility in delivery of services to meet the emerging needs of the population throughout the recovery phase and beyond.

**3. Alternative options considered and rejected**

- To decommission the services
- To extend by a shorter period

**4. Consultation**

**Was any Councillor consulted?** No

**If yes:**

(a) Comments of Executive Member/Committee Chairman (*delete as applicable*)

(b) Comments of other consultees

**5. Any conflict of interest declared by a councillor who has been consulted in relation to the decision**

None

**6. I am proceeding with the proposed decision.**

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Signed: .....

Title: .....

Date:

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- All consultees
- hard & electronic copy (if required to be made available for public inspection) to Democratic Services Manager - Room 213 County Hall.<sup>ii</sup>

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### Summary of Requirements to Inform/Consult Councillors

Significance of Proposed Action	Controversial	Relevant Councillor(s) to be Consulted
Technical/Professional/ Routine	No	No need to inform or consult councillors
Technical/Professional/ Routine	Yes	<b>Executive Functions:</b> Consult relevant Lead Executive Member and, where appropriate, Local Councillor <b>Non-Executive Functions:</b> Relevant Committee Chairman and, where appropriate, Local Councillor
Local	No	<b>Executive Functions:</b> Inform Lead Executive Member and Local Councillor <b>Non-Executive Functions:</b> Inform Local Councillor
Local	Yes	<b>Executive Functions:</b> Consult Lead Executive Member and Local Councillor <b>Non-Executive Functions:</b>

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		Consult Local Councillor
General or County-wide	No	<p><b>Executive Functions:</b></p> <p>Consult relevant Lead Executive Member (s)</p> <p><b>Non-Executive Functions:</b></p> <p>Consult relevant Committee Chairman</p>
General or County-wide	Yes	<p><b>Executive Functions:</b></p> <p>Consult relevant Lead Executive Member (s) and the Leader of the Council</p> <p><b>Non-Executive Functions:</b></p> <p>Consult relevant Committee Chairman/Leaders all Political Groups</p>