



MEMORANDUM

To:	Krutika Pau – Director of Children and Families Services	Your Ref:	
From:	Ravina Kotecha Commissioning Manager	Our Ref:	CAMHS Contract extension 2013/14
cc:	Ros Morris Head of Children and Families Commissioning	Date:	December 2012
	Chris Japhtha Senior Category Manager	Ext:	3154

RE: AUTHORITY TO EXTEND THE EXISTING CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF CHILD & ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (CAMHS) FOR LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN AND CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES IN BRENT

Dear Krutika,

In accordance with Contract Standing Order 112(d) and the provisions of the Constitution paragraph 2.5 3.(b)(d)(ii) this memorandum seeks your approval for the London Borough of Brent to extend the existing contract for CAMHS provision for Looked After Children and Children with Disabilities with the current providers Central and North West London NHS Trust (CNWL).

1 Background

1.1 This CAMHS contract includes provision for social care, learning disabilities and adolescent care, and is commissioned to supplement the core CAMHS service provided by NHS Brent.

1.2 Executive approval was obtained in November 2010 to award a contract to the current provider (CNWL) for a period of twelve months from 1st April 2011 to 31st March 2012 with an option for the Council to extend by 1 year. The contract was extended for the period 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013.

1.3 Children and Families are currently reviewing provision, as detailed in section 3 below. The review will identify possible opportunities for integrated working to achieve greater efficiencies and jointly realise savings targets.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1** Authorise an extension of the existing contract with CNWL for the provision of CAMHS services for a period of 12 months from 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014 at a cost of £533,494 and a total contract value of £1,600,482 (including extension 2013/14). Total over 2 years until 31st March 2013 is £1,066,988).
- 2.2** The extension from 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014 with the existing provider for a further year will minimise disruption to delivery for vulnerable users while the review reaches its conclusions and recommendations are implemented.

3 Review

- 3.1** In light of the work that is being undertaken with the Early Help work stream of the One Council Project for Complex Families and to ensure that the CAMHS provision for LAC young people and children with disabilities continues to meet the required needs, we are proposing a review to take place of the CAMHS service.
- 3.2** Additionally, NHS Brent and Brent Council are currently exploring possible opportunities to align the service to address gaps in provision that have been identified by the provider. This may also provide some opportunity to realise additional savings, and any opportunities will be considered as part of the re-tender exercise in 2013.

4 Developing the Contract Extension for 2013 /2014.

Subject to agreeing to extend the existing contract for a further year, the Local Authority would seek during 2013 to 2014 to re-tender the service. The year's extension from 2013 to 2014 would allow time for the development of a specification that would reflect the desired or new delivery model and would involve the relevant departments in the procurement process.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1** The current contract with CNWL for the provision of CAMHS services to Looked After Children and Children with Disabilities in the London Borough of Brent has a contract value of £533,494 per full contract year.
- 5.2** Negotiations took place for the 2012/13 extension to achieve a 5% reduction in the contract value. However during the discussions, the provider was able to show that the contract value is not sufficient to fulfil the complete staffing resource required for the specified contract requirements, and it was agreed that there would be no change in funding.
- 5.3** Commissioners would seek to extend the contract on the basis of the current contract value, with no further increase.
- 5.4** The extension of the existing contract with CNWL for a further year until 31 March 2014 would continue to be funded through the General Fund. Whilst this is not a ring-fenced grant, the service provides valuable support to a highly vulnerable group of children and young people.

If you have any questions or would like further information to be provided, please do not hesitate to contact me.


Yours sincerely

Commissioning Manager
Children & Families commissioning

I do approve the extension of the CAMHS contract in accordance with Contract Standing Order 112 (d).

I do confirm that there are sufficient budgetary provisions within the Children & Families budget to enter into the proposed contract extension with Central & North West London NHS Trust.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krutika Paur". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

Print Name:

KRUTIKA PAU

Position:

Director

Date:

8/1/2013