

**CABINET MEMBER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH & THE VOLUNTARY
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**PROVISION OF CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND YOUNG PERSONS
HEALTHY WEIGHT MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

Report by the Director of Public Health

Introduction

1. The current commissioning arrangements for the provision of Children, Families and Young Persons Healthy Weight Management services were put in place by the NHS and the contracts with current providers of these services cease on 31 March 2014.
2. In order to guarantee continuation of these services Oxfordshire County Council will need to put in place contract(s) to commence 1 April 2014.
3. The National Child Measurement Programme as a mandated programme for Local Authorities and provides annual data on the number and proportion of underweight, overweight and obese children in Reception and Year 6.
4. These surveillance data tell us that Oxfordshire continues to have rates of obesity which are lower than the national average. However, obesity rates in children more than double (6.4% to nearly 15.2%) between the ages of 4/5 and 10/11.
5. There is a positive correlation between rates of obesity and pockets of deprivation in Oxfordshire. As Oxfordshire is relatively prosperous, these inequalities are sometimes masked by the lower rates in other areas.
6. Children, Families and Young Persons Healthy Weight Management services form the basis of a holistic offer of support to children and families and are a key component of the Children's Obesity Care Pathway.
7. These services contribute to Oxfordshire County Councils strategic objective to support healthy and thriving communities.
8. Oxfordshire County Council procurement process would be followed to commission these services.

Exempt Information

There is no exempt information contained within this report.

Legal Implications

9. The Council has a statutory obligation to “take such steps as it considers appropriate for improving the health of the people in its area” (s2B National Health Service Act 2006 (“NHS Act 2006”) as amended by s12 Health and Social Care Act 2012). This includes “providing services or facilities for the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of illness” (s 2B (3) (c) NHS Act 2006).

The procurement of the Contract for the provision of Children, Families and Young Persons Healthy Weight Management Services would be in fulfilment of the Council’s statutory obligations.

Financial and Staff Implications

10. Public Health has a ring fenced budget which is approximately £25 million per year.
11. Money is already committed to paying for Obesity prevention and treatment services. This information is already reported to the Cabinet.
12. The maximum budget for these services is £600k (£200K per annum, for 2 years with an option to extend for a further year).

RECOMMENDATION

13. **The Cabinet member for Public Health & the Voluntary Sector is RECOMMENDED to approve the incurring of expenditure for the commissioning of Children, Families and Young Peoples Healthy Weight Management Services and to delegate to the Director of Public Health, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Public Health and the Voluntary Sector, the authority to determine tenders and contracts in order to secure the provision of services.**

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Background Papers: Nil

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