

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
Date:	11 July 2023
Title:	Children's Services Procurement – Approval to Spend [HIEP]
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

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1. The decision:

1.1. That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services gives the approval to spend for the commissioning of locum EPs to the value of £3,348,000 over a five year period.

2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1. To enable the service to meet the increased demand for input into Education, Health and Care Plans and meet statutory requirement around timeliness.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Other routes to market were considered and rejected as the proposed framework provides the greatest flexibility, and the provider was not willing to engage directly with Connect 2 Hampshire.

3.2. Not contracting for this service would result in reduced timeliness in the production of psychological advice, and the requirement to pull back from sold services, which are often focused around early intervention.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: Not Applicable

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: Not Applicable

7. Statement from the decision maker: Not Applicable

Approved by:

Date:

Councillor Edward Heron
Executive Lead Member for Children's Services

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