

## Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner – Notice of Decision

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<b>DECISION OR INFORMATION:</b>	Decision
<b>DATE RECEIVED:*</b>	07/07/2023
<b>REF:*</b> (to be inserted by the OPCC)	2023.068

<b>TITLE:</b>	Speech and language therapy provision – continuation of funding till 31/01/2024
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<b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:</b>
<p>As part of the Divert Plus pilot programme funded by the Youth Endowment Fund, speech and language therapy (SLT) provision has been developed both in terms of resources for children and young people within custody but also professional therapy provided through Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. The role of SLTs in the criminal justice system is key for the following reasons:</p> <p>Speech and language therapists provide direct and indirect interventions for individuals speech, language and communication needs. Typically SLTs working in justice settings will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Screen and assess young people to determine their speech, language and communication needs and support the implementation of the forthcoming Mental Capacity Act (2016) where relevant.</li> <li>– Support young people to develop their own strategies to facilitate communication</li> <li>– Work with others to make treatment, education and information more accessible and ensure that programmes and regimes are aimed at appropriate levels for individuals.</li> <li>– Train the workforce to be able to identify who may need support with speech, language and communication, understand how this might impact on the young person and how to improve their interaction with individuals.</li> <li>– Act as Registered Intermediaries to facilitate participation and engagement of children and adults who are classed as vulnerable, to access the criminal justice system</li> </ul>

<b>INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF DECISION: (eg report or business case)</b>
<p>Continuation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of funding will be less than anticipated as YEF have decided that following the pilot phase the project will not progress through the efficacy phase. As with the VRP, YEF are also committed to supporting the children and young people already engaged with Divert Plus and have agreed to provide funding until 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023.</p> <p>The success of the SLT provision within the custody setting has been seen as key benefit of all partners involved, as well as having positive feedback from service users during the Divert Plus</p>

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pilot. Work is ongoing across the partnership to ensure this provision is mainstreamed service from April 2024 onwards.

There is a funding gap for five months – 01/11/2023 – 31/03/2023. The costing for this service for a 5 month period is £139,324. The partnership have agreed to the following share of the cost during this period:

Nottinghamshire County Youth Justice Services – 1/6th	£9,657.28
Nottingham City Youth Justice Services – 1/6th	£9,657.28
OPCC – 1/3rd	£19,350.56
ICB – 1/3rd	£19,350.56
<b>Total</b>	<b>£139,324.00</b>

The resultant conversations with partners have concluded that funding is available via the current arrangement until the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024. Following this the ICB will be responsible for funding the remainder of the 23/24 financial year (1<sup>st</sup> February to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024). During this transition the ICB will be looking at a sustainable funding solution within their organisation to adopt the SLT provision over the longer term.

The current arrangements, can be maintained under OPCC secondment agreements until 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024.

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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<b>Total</b>	<b>£139,324</b>

Signature:  
Chief Finance  
Officer


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Date:

26.08.23

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If yes, please state under which category from the guidance**				
<b>DECISION:</b>				

<b>OFFICER APPROVAL:</b>	
I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that the appropriate advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.	
<b>Signature:</b> Deputy Monitoring Officer	
<b>Date:</b>	27.09.23

<b>DECLARATION:</b>	
I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in this decision and I take the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Any interests are indicated below:  The above request has my approval	
<b>Signature:</b> Nottinghamshire Police & Crime Commissioner	
<b>Date:</b>	27.09.23

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