

PART A - Initial Impact Assessment

Proposal Name: Commission of Medical Needs Education Service

EIA ID: 2618

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Proposal Outline: To commission a Medical Needs Alternative Provision (AP) service for a two year term, in order to provide education for children unable to attend school due to medical needs.

Proposal Type: Non-Budget

Year Of Proposal: 24/25

Lead Director for proposal: Joe Horobin (NCC)

Service Area: Education

EIA Start Date: 22/02/2024

Lead Equality Objective: Break the cycle and improve life chances

Equality Lead Officer: Bashir Khan

Decision Type

Committees: Policy Committees

Portfolio

Primary Portfolio:

Integrated Commissioning

EIA is cross portfolio:

Yes

Children's Services

EIA is joint with another organisation:

No

Overview of Impact

Overview Summary:

The provision under this contract enables children and young people experiencing health or mental health issues or pregnancy to access education where they otherwise would not be able to do so. The majority of children needing this service are unable to attend school due to mental health difficulties, and this provision will enable them to continue with their education until they are ready to return to school. Most children accessing the existing service had very low or zero attendance prior to accessing, and in almost all cases their attendance increased significantly. About 30% children needing the service are eligible for Free School Meals, which is above the national average. By providing access to education, the service may have a positive long term impact on financial inclusion for children facing multiple disadvantages.

Impacted characteristics:

- Disability
- Health
- Pregnancy/Maternity
- Poverty & Financial Inclusion

Consultation and other engagement

Does the proposal have a cumulative impact: No

Impact areas:

Initial Sign-Off

Full impact assessment required: No

Review Date: 22/02/2024

Action Plan & Supporting Evidence

Outline of action plan: No mitigations needed as impact of service is positive.

Action plan evidence:

Changes made as a result of action plan:

Mitigation

Significant risk after mitigation measures: No

Outline of impact and risks:

Review Date

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