

# **Contract for the Procurement of Therapeutic service for Children and young people as a result of witnessing or suffering domestic abuse and who are now living in a safe environment**

**REPORT TO:** the Assistant Director Policy, Partnerships and Communities - Neil Irving

**DECISION DATE:** Thursday 25<sup>TH</sup> November 2021.

**SUPPORTING ANNEX:** Due to the value of this procurement there is no requirement for a gateway exercise therefore no supporting annex has been included with this report.

## **PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the authority carry out an Invitation to Bid under the Light-Touch Regime for the re-tendering of the provision of Therapeutic Services. The estimated contract value will be in the region of £250,000 over three years.

## **BACKGROUND TO SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION**

Children and Young People's Therapeutic Services is currently provided by Foundation UK. This service is available to children and young people needing therapeutic intervention as a result of witnessing or suffering domestic abuse and who are now living in a safe environment. Therapies are effective interventions for children and young people with a variety of presenting difficulties caused by domestic abuse. These include emotional or behavioural difficulties, depression and/or aggression, soiling and/or wetting, fear, anxiety, nightmares, phobias, relationship difficulties with peers and/or siblings, quarrelling or fighting and children not realising their full potential academically or socially.

The current contract is due to expire 01/10/2022 with no options to extend the current agreement therefore a procurement exercise must commence to ensure continuity of service.

## **LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE COMPLIANCE**

The contract will be procured in line with the Public Contract Regulations 2015.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Authority carry out an invitation to bid process under the Light-Touch Regime for the re-tendering of the Children and your persons therapeutic Services.