

MTRP Proposal - 18/19 and Beyond - Business Case

Service Area	Children's Services
Unique Reference Number	CFS181903
Proposal Title	Gwent Missing Children Service
Version	20 th December 2017
Proposal Summary Description	Reducing funding to the Gwent Missing Service
Impact on Performance	The service will need to assess the way the service is delivered in order to minimise impact
Impact on FTE Count	The service will need to assess the way the service is delivered in order to minimise impact on staffing levels
Impact on other Service Areas	None
Impact on Citizens	There may be a reduction in the service delivered
Delegated Decision (Head of Service/Cabinet Member/ Cabinet)	Head of Service
Activity Code	SOC23 Child safeguarding and missing children

Net Savings (£000's)	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
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Implementation Costs (- £000's)	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Revenue – Redundancy/Pension	0			
Revenue – External consultants	0			
Revenue - Other	0			
Capital – Building related	0			
Capital - Other	0			
Implementation Cost - Total	0			

Current Position

The Gwent Missing service is a Gwent wide service with funding from across the five councils, Big Lottery funding and support from Gwent Police.

Although there is evidence that the service is helpful where children go missing once or twice, there is limited evidence that the service is effective for children who are persistently missing. The direct service offered to looked after children and those with a care and support plan often duplicates other services. This proposal is to reduce the current contribution to the service to bring it in line with the contributions made by other partners.

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The proposal will be challenging because of the high profile of the provision with other agencies and differing views about the contribution the service makes.

Key Objectives and Scope

The proposal is to reduce the current funding to the Gwent Missing Children service.

Newport provides the largest element of the local authority funding and while Newport also has the highest number of Missing reports, many of these are for children who already have a significant number of professionals involved in their lives and for whom the benefits of the service could be provided from elsewhere.

Options considered

Option 1 Retain the current arrangements

Option 2 Secure a saving of £20k

Recommended Proposal/Option

Option 2

Required Investment

None

High Level Milestones and Timescales

The proposal if agreed will require discussion with the partners of the Gwent Missing Children service to agree timing.

Key Risks/issues

Risk Description	Risk Score (as per matrix below)	Mitigation Measures
Saving requires greater time with the service to achieve	3 x 3	Commence discussions with Gwent Police

Specific linkage with Future generation act requirements

The proposal is a saving which would result in a reduction in service. There is no positive linkage with Future Generation Act requirements.

Fairness and Equality Impact Assessment

No