

MTRP Proposal - 18/19 and Beyond - Business Case

Service Area	Children's Services
Unique Reference Number	CFS181912
Proposal Title	Psychologist secondment
Version	20 th December 2017
Proposal Summary Description	To reduce the provision of clinical psychology for the matching and placement support (MAPS) team
Impact on Performance	None
Impact on FTE Count	None
Impact on other Service Areas	The work of MAPS will need reviewing to ensure support can be implemented in different ways
Impact on Citizens	None
Delegated Decision (Head of Service/Cabinet Member/ Cabinet)	Head of Service
Activity code	SOC 33 In house fostering

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

Since 2012 a clinical psychologist has been seconded from Aneurin Bevan University Health Board to support the work of the MAPS team. The post holder has supported staff and offered direct work to some looked after children. As part of a wider review different ways of offering support to looked after children are being explored. This proposal is to end the secondment.

Current Resources

Budget provision for the psychologist of £45,905

Key Objectives and Scope

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The clinical psychologist has supported placements and worked with staff to ensure there are psychological formulations in place for carers to offer consistent care to meet the needs of looked after children who present with behaviours which require exceptional levels of understanding. The majority of children who are looked after experience difficulties with attachment. The psychologist has been able to provide advice for carers and social workers.

With the use of the Integrated Care Fund, the health board is rolling out an attachment and trauma service to all teams which will operate firstly by providing training and then regular consultation. This, as well a need to more widely review the council's placements strategy, should assist in minimising the impact of the loss of the post.

Options considered

Option 1 - Retain the current arrangements

Option 2 - Saving of £45,905 by ending the secondment arrangement currently in place

Recommended Proposal/Option

Option 2

Required Investment

None

High Level Milestones and Timescales

The ending of the secondment will be by negotiation with ABUHB.

Key Risks/issues

Risk Description	Risk Score (as per matrix below)	Mitigation Measures
No specific risks identified		

Specific linkage with Future Generation Act requirements

The proposal is a direct saving as a result of ending the clinical psychology support for the Matching and Placement Support team. There is therefore no positive linkage with FG Act requirements.

Fairness and Equality Impact Assessment