

**Clinical Commissioning Group
Governing Body
Paper Summary Sheet
Date of Meeting: 25 March 2014**

For: Decision Discussion Noting

Please note there is no paper attached to this front sheet as it is a small amendment to the timescale set out in the paper that went to the January Governing Body meeting.

Agenda Item and title:	GOV/14/03/15 Children's Community Health Services
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Executive summary:	<p>This summary sheet has been completed to provide an update to the Governing Body on the timescales for re-commissioning children's community health services in Wiltshire.</p> <p>In January, the Governing Body approved the recommendation to seek a single contract/provider for children's community health services from <u>1 April 2015</u>. These services are currently provided by five organisations under separate contracts.</p> <p>The paper highlighted that the timescale for this work was very tight and dependent upon being able to quickly appoint a Project Manager. A Project Manager has now been appointed but is unfortunately unable to start work with the CCG and the Council until May. It has now been agreed that the new contract will start on <u>1 July 2015</u>. This contract start date will allow more time for key partners, particularly GPs, to be engaged in developing the tender documentation and service specifications. It will also ensure that the organisation leading the contract is able to effectively mobilise all services following contract award.</p>
Evidence in support of arguments:	The delivery of some children's community health services differs across different parts of Wiltshire. The number of different contracts/service providers makes it more difficult to develop clear multi-agency pathways for children with additional needs and disabilities.
Who has been involved/contributed:	Discussion has taken place with the CCG's Chief Officer and Finance Director about the revised timescale for this project.

Cross Reference to Strategic Objectives:	This works links to NHS Wiltshire's Business Plan to improve services for disabled children and young people and to emerging priorities within the CCG's 5 year plan to be submitted in February 2014.
Engagement and Involvement:	Some consultation work has already taken place with parent carers of disabled children through Wiltshire Parent Carer Council to look at how parent carers want services to be delivered. More work to understand the views of patients and service users will need to be undertaken during the project.
Communications Issues:	Throughout the project, there will be a need to communicate effectively with all current providers and with neighbouring CCGs that commission from Wiltshire's current providers, particularly Bath and North East Somerset CCG and Swindon CCG.
Financial Implications:	The intention is that a contract for a single provider of children's community health services would have the same value as the existing five separate contracts in the short term.
Review arrangements:	Regular reports will be provided to the CCG Governing Body on the progress of the re-commissioning project.
Risk Management:	The risks have been fully outlined in the attached paper. A risk management plan will be developed shortly.
National Policy/ Legislation:	There are some key national drivers for bringing services together in a single organisation, including the NHS Mandate which has a focus on improving support for children with disabilities and complex health needs, the forthcoming Children and Families Bill and the national agenda to improve safeguarding including early intervention. Children's community health services are key to these agendas.
Equality & Diversity:	An initial Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken – this will need to be updated throughout the project.
Other External Assessment:	None.
What specific action re. the paper do you wish the Governing Body to take at the meeting?	The Governing Body is asked to note the slightly revised timescale for the re-commissioning of children's community health services. An update on the project will be provided at the May Governing Body meeting.