

## **Integrated Impact Assessment Statement**

### **Block contract and Service Level Agreement savings proposals**

#### **Thrive Lots 1 and 2**

To identify savings of £2.2 million, a comprehensive review has been carried out of all block contracts and Service Level Agreements. As part of this work, officers reviewed the Thrive Welcome and Locality Teams (Lots 1 and 2), which provide peer and mental health development workers in locally-based teams. These teams are a key component of the Partnership's mental health offering and are currently commissioned through a series of 20 contracts with 5 third sector partners. The 2025/26 combined annual value of these contracts is £1.66 million.

These contracts are delivering outcomes which we wish to retain but there are opportunities for further efficiency through consolidation, economies of scale and/or alternative commissioning routes. A recommendation has therefore been made to the EIJB that a recommissioning exercise is carried out for these contracts. The services will be retained in the interim to ensure continuity. An initial exploration session was held with affected providers on 6 May 25 to begin co-production of outcomes. This will be developed further in conjunction with providers over the coming months.

It is not possible to complete a full Integrated Impact Assessment at this point as the recommissioning exercise has not been completed and the extent of any possible changes to existing arrangements is not yet known. A full Integrated Impact Assessment will be carried out when outcomes have been agreed and potential changes, both financial and non-financial, are clear.

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#### **Counselling**

To identify savings of £2.2 million, a comprehensive review has been carried out of all block contracts and Service Level Agreements. As part of this work, officers reviewed four Service Level Agreements currently held by the EIJB to provide counselling services. These agreements are with Health in Mind, PF Counselling and Edinburgh Women's Rape Centre and have a combined value of £110,245.

These SLAs are delivering outcomes which we wish to retain but there are opportunities for further efficiency through consolidation, economies of scale and/or alternative commissioning routes. A more comprehensive review of the current counselling provision and whether it meets our commitments under the Strategic Plan would be beneficial. A recommendation has therefore been made to the EIJB that a recommissioning exercise is carried out for these contracts. The services will be retained in the interim to ensure continuity. Timelines will be developed to give clarity to providers.

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