

EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR DECISION

30 JANUARY 2017

REPORT: DfE INNOVATION JOINT FUNDING BID WITH COMPASS

SCRUTINY OPINION FROM THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 20 JANUARY 2017

The Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee met on 20 January 2017 and considered a report concerning the DfE Innovation Joint Funding Bid with Compass.

The Committee unanimously supported the recommendations contained in the report.

In addition, the following comment was made:

- Concerns were raised as to who would receive and use the funding if the bid was successful. The Committee agreed that the funding should be used by Lincolnshire Partnership Foundation Trust (LPFT) and partners. It was confirmed that the £500,000 would come into the Council directly and the Department for Education would commission and fund Compass to provide support.

Members were provided with an opportunity to ask questions, where the following points were noted:-

- With regards to how many children and young people per year would be worked with, it was confirmed that this had not yet been fully evaluated but would be developed in further rounds of bidding if the first stage was successful.
- In relation to the services which would be offered if the bid was successful, it was confirmed that the additional funding would be for therapeutic interventions. It was proposed to have wraparound therapeutic services to support vulnerable young people aged 14 – 19 years old who were in care or about to come into care. It was noted that there was a growing cohort of young people over 16 years old in supported accommodation who could be worked with.
- In response to a question as to why the bid was with Compass, it was noted that Compass Outreach Service was already working with Norfolk and Suffolk, both of whom are Signs of Safety authorities. It was hoped that the funding could be used for a large scale project around Signs of Safety and therapeutic services.