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Not exempt: Covering report, Appendix A1

Exempt: Appendix A, Appendix B, & Appendix C

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
<b>Report Title</b>	Dual Sensory Impairment Service (NESS)
<b>Report Number</b>	HSCP22.034
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<b>Consultation Checklist Completed</b>	Yes
<b>Directions Required</b>	Yes
<b>Appendices</b>	Non-Exempt: A1: Supplementary Work Plan for 2021/22 Exempt: Appendix A - Supplementary Work Plan for 2022/2023 Appendix B – Procurement Business Case Appendix C – Direction to Aberdeen City Council



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### 1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to provide the Integrated Joint Board with information about the proposed additional funding to provide an increased level of sensory services to the community, and the processes that have been put in place to allocate this funding.

### 2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board (IJB):

- 2.1. Approves the expenditure for social care services as set out in the Supplementary Work plan at Appendix A,
- 2.2. Approves the expenditure as set out in the Procurement Business Case, at Appendix B,
- 2.3. Makes the Direction, as attached at Appendix C, and instructs the Chief Officer to issue the Direction to Aberdeen City Council (ACC).

### 3. Summary of Key Information

- 3.1. The IJB directs ACC to purchase and enter into contracts with suppliers for the provision of services in relation to functions for which it has responsibility. ACC procures services through the Commercial and Procurement Shared Service in accordance with ACC's Scheme of Governance.
- 3.2. ACC Powers Delegated to Officers includes, at Section 9.1, that the Chief Officer of the Aberdeen City Integration Joint Board (also referred to and known as the Chief Officer of the Aberdeen City Health and Social Care Partnership (ACHSCP)) has delegated authority to facilitate and implement Directions issued to ACC from the IJB, on the instruction of the Chief Executive of ACC and in accordance with the ACC Procurement Regulations.
- 3.3. These Regulations require the submission of an annual procurement work plan prior to the commencement of each financial year detailing all contracts to be procured in the coming year with a value of £50,000 or more, to relevant Committees. In the case of adult social care services, this is the IJB. The Regulations also require that procurement business cases to support items



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on the work plan are brought to the IJB prior to any tender being undertaken or contract awarded directly. Although the intention is that all procurement should be planned in advance, there may be occasions where this is not possible and supplementary work plans and/or business cases may be required.

- 3.4.** This report presents a Supplementary Work Plan 2022/2023. A supporting Procurement Business Case is attached at Appendix B, setting out the arrangements for the increased funding provided for the dual sensory impairment services. The original request for funding for the provision of the Dual Sensory Impairment Service was approved by the IJB on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021, Report Number HSCP.21.008
- 3.5.** The service was tendered in line with the procurement legislation and one bid was received which was from North East Sensory Services (NESS), who were providing the service in the outgoing contract. An evaluation was conducted by the Project Group and the contract awarded to NESS. NESS provides a fully accessible dual sensory (sight/hearing impairment) service across Aberdeen City. The service extends to the families and/or Carers of the supported people. The service ensures that people with significant sensory impairment live as independently as possible within their community, reducing long term care requirement, self-managing, rehabilitation, hearing impairment (aids and adaptations, developing new skills), rehabilitation (lip reading), sight impairment (aids and adaptations, developing new skills), rehabilitation (mobility). The Service Provider will also maintain a register of visually impaired people on behalf of the Council. The service operates Monday to Friday, 52 weeks of the year.
- 3.6.** It is now seven months into the new arrangements with NESS and there has been a significant amount of progress made with the dual sensory impairment services. It is proposed that additional funding is awarded to NESS, as part of the current contract, to enable the employment of an additional Social Worker and Rehabilitation Worker. This would help reduce waiting times for those who have been referred to the service, enable early intervention and prevention and make the caseloads more manageable for the current Social Workers and part-time Rehabilitation Worker. Ness already have a part-time Rehabilitation worker in post but by increasing this to a full-



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time equivalent would allow more rehab work to be undertaken with an aim to reduce the need social care and keep people independent for longer.

- 3.7. Whilst this additional expenditure signifies an additional investment to be made, the risks of not making this investment reduce the ACHSCP's opportunity to develop sensory impairment services and, subsequently, the achievement of outcomes for individuals.

3.8. Links with Strategic Commissioning

The procurement of works, goods and services is driven by strategic commissioning intentions. The ACHSCP has established the SCPB to create a clearer link between the programmes of work, the associated budgets, and the procurement work plan, in line with the Commissioning Cycle. The SCPB, on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022, considered the item on the procurement plan and determined that the proposed additional funding is required to support the delivery of strategic intentions.

### 4. Implications for IJB

- 4.1. **Equalities, Fairer Scotland Duty, and Health Inequality** - A Health Inequalities Impact Assessment (HIIA) was carried out by the Lead Commissioner at the time of the tender. There are no specific equality or health implications from this report. Nor is there any direct implication for our Fairer Scotland Duty.
- 4.2. **Financial** - The financial spend associated with this is outlined in the business case (Appendix B)
- 4.3. **Workforce** - There are no specific workforce implications arising from this report.
- 4.4. **Legal** - There are no specific legal implications arising from this report. Grants will be awarded using the current grant process
- 4.5. **COVID 19** – There are no specific implications linked to Covid 19 arising from the implications of this report.



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4.6. **Other** – None

### 5. Links to ACHSCP Strategic Plan

5.1. This report links to the commissioning principles outlined as one of the enablers within our strategic plan.



### 6. Management of Risk

#### 6.1. Link to risks on strategic or operational risk register:

This option links directly to strategic risk 1 – market sustainability

#### 6.2. How might the content of this report impact or mitigate these risks:

By implementing the necessary processes, and continuation of partnership working

Approvals	
	Sandra Macleod (Chief Officer)
	Alex Stephen (Chief Finance Officer)