

**23 September 2019****Agenda Item: 8****REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR FOR FINANCE, INFRASTRUCTURE  
AND IMPROVEMENT****BRIEFING ON THE SOCIAL CARE DIGITAL PATHFINDERS FUNDING  
SCHEME****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to brief Members on the successful funding bids made to NHS England.

**Information****Background**

2. In June 2019 two bids were submitted to NHS England as part of the social care digital pathfinders (SCDP) funding scheme.
3. Although these bids were submitted via the Adult Social Care and Health Department, both are technology enabled and as such draw on the resources of the Transformation & Change and ICT groups.
4. The SCDP scheme invites bids from social care provider organisations to support technology enabled innovation projects. A particular focus of the scoring matrix focuses on the scalability of the project outcome such that it can be exploited on a regional or national scale.
5. The two bids submitted by the authority built on the health and social care integration projects which have been the subject of previous briefings to this committee. Specifically:
  - a. **Predictive analytics.** The use of social care data in algorithms developed to identify where early intervention and signposting could prevent a crisis event or intensive care and support.
  - b. **Interoperability standards in health and social care integration.** The development of an integration blueprint and toolset that enables real time data flow between health and social care providers.

6. The funding of the SCDP scheme is split into two phases with up to £50K available for each bid for the discovery phase and a further approx. £350K available for a smaller subset of bids for the implementation phase.

## **Outcome**

7. In July 2019 NHS England announced the 26 successful phase one bids and Nottinghamshire County Council were notified that both bids had been awarded funding. No other authority had been successful in more than one bid.
8. The amounts awarded were £50K for predictive analytics and £48K for interoperability.
9. Officers from the council attended a pathfinders launch event which provided a briefing on the outcomes expected from the discovery phase and the process by which the bids would be considered for phase 2 funding.

## **Next steps**

10. Work has now commenced on the discovery phase. This will determine the outcomes that will be delivered, the benefits of the outcomes to this authority and the wider health and social care community and the blueprint for adoption on a wider scale.
11. The discovery phase will conclude in October 2019 when the viability and feasibility of the implementation phase will be considered by NHS England.
12. It is anticipated that the current 26 pathfinder projects will be reduced to approximately 6 implementation projects at this point.
13. It must be noted that the outcomes for both bids will deliver benefits to NCC and are considered to have viable business cases in their own right. As such, this additional funding is welcome to enable a wider scope and greater pace to be considered but should the authority not be successful in securing phase 2 funding, then it is likely the work will continue, funded and driven from local health and social care resources.

## **Other Options Considered**

14. None

## **Reason/s for Recommendation/s**

15. To brief Members on the successful outcome of the bids made and confirm Member support for the approach to secure external funding opportunities.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

16. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

## **Data Protection and Information Governance**

17. The next stages of developing these technology changes will need to ensure compliance with data protection law and policy by engaging with colleagues in Information Governance and undertaking any appropriate Data Protection Impact Assessments.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 1) Members support the approach to securing additional external funding for these 2 technology enabled projects.
- 2) Members agree to receive a further update following the conclusion of the phase 2 bidding round in the Autumn 2019.

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## **Constitutional Comments (HD 12/09/19)**

18. Improvement and Change Sub-Committee has the authority to determine the recommendations in the report

## **Financial Comments (SES 13/09/19)**

19. The financial implications are set out in paragraph 8 of the report. NHS England has announced that Nottinghamshire County Council has been successful in the 2 submitted phase one bids and will be being awarded funding of £50,000 and £48,000 respectively for the discovery phase of the bids that are expected to be concluded by October 2019.

## **Background Papers and Published Documents**

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- None

## **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

- All