

Template for Impact Assessment Level 1: Initial screening assessment

Subject of assessment:	Contract extension of the block contract with Cambian to increase local residential provision			
Coverage:	Service specific			
This is a decision relating to:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strategy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Service	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Function
	<input type="checkbox"/> Process/procedure	<input type="checkbox"/> Programme	<input type="checkbox"/> Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Review
	<input type="checkbox"/> Organisational change	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please state)		
It is a:	New approach:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Revision of an existing approach:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
It is driven by:	Legislation:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Local or corporate requirements:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Description:	<p><u>Key aims, objectives and activities</u> To extend the block contract with Cambian to increase, by two, the local residential places available for children and young people cared for by the local authority to reduce the need to place children further away in order to find placements that meet their needs.</p> <p><u>Statutory drivers (set out exact reference)</u> The council is required to care for children and young people with appropriate placements that meet their needs where it is not possible for them to live safely with their family. These requirements are set out in various statutes and regulations including the Childrens Act 1989 and Care planning, placement and case review regulations 2010.</p> <p><u>Differences from any previous approach</u> The proposal will increase the number of beds available for residential care by two with Cambian.</p> <p><u>Key stakeholders and intended beneficiaries (internal and external as appropriate)</u> Children and young people cared for by the local authority and their families, Social Workers and other partners who work with them.</p> <p><u>Intended outcomes</u> To increase the availability of placements within the local area.</p>			
Live date:	1 October onwards			
Lifespan:				
Date of next review:	Reviews will be undertaken as part of contract monitoring			

Commented [A11]: Insert end of contract date

Screening questions	Response			Evidence
	No	Yes	Uncertain	
Human Rights Could the decision impact negatively on individual Human Rights as enshrined in UK legislation?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The proposal will improve access to residential placements close to home. This will assist in maintaining relationships with family and friends where appropriate and minimise disruption to education. It will not impact negatively upon human rights. Evidence used to inform this assessment includes analysis of the proposal and good practice in relation to placements.
Equality Could the decision result in adverse differential impacts on groups or individuals with characteristics protected in UK equality law? Could the decision impact differently on other commonly disadvantaged groups?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>The Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) requires that when exercising its functions the Councils must have due regard to the need to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act; advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it; and foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it. <p>In having due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity, the Council must consider, as part of a single equality duty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> removing or minimising disadvantages suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic; taking steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of people who do not share it; and; encouraging people who share a protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation is low. <p>The proposal will improve access to residential placements close to home. This will assist in maintaining relationships with family and friends where appropriate and minimise disruption to education. It will have a positive impact on children and their families and friends. Evidence used to inform this assessment includes analysis of the proposal and good practice in relation to placements.</p>
Community cohesion Could the decision impact negatively on relationships between different groups, communities of interest or neighbourhoods within the town?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The proposal will improve access to residential placements close to home. This will assist in maintaining relationships with family and friends where appropriate and minimise disruption to education. It will have a positive impact on children and their families and friends. Evidence used to inform this assessment includes analysis of the proposal and good practice in relation to placements.

* Consult the Impact Assessment further guidance appendix for details on the issues covered by each of these broad questions prior to completion.

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<p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ If the answer to all of the above screening questions is No then the process is completed. ➤ If the answer of any of the questions is Yes or Uncertain, then a Level 2 Full Impact Assessment must be completed. 		

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