

**Subject:** Business Case Development Fund: Cumbria, Northumberland, and Tyne & Wear (CNTW) Individual Placement Support (IPS) Primary Care Pilot – North of Tyne

**Report of:** Chief Economist

**Portfolio:** Investment and Resources

## Report Summary

The purpose of this report is to approve a funding award of £81,059 to Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust (CNTW) to deliver a pilot project across North of Tyne, to explore whether the evidence based Individual Placement Support (IPS) or a similar model of employment support functions well within a primary care setting.

## Recommendations

The Chief Executive is recommended to approve:

- i. £81,059 business case development funding to CNTW to deliver a pilot project across North of Tyne, to explore whether the evidence based Individual Placement Support (IPS) or a similar model of employment support functions well within a primary care setting.

### 1. Background Information, Proposals and Timetable for Implementation

The Investment Plan agreed by NTCA's Cabinet in April 2019 allocated £4.5m to support business case development work. In March 2020, NTCA Cabinet approved delegation to the then Interim Head of Paid Service (now Chief Executive), in consultation with Investment Panel, to approve Business Case Development Fund (BCDF) investment decisions up to the value of £150,000 of NTCA Investment.

#### 1.1 Background Information

IPS helps people using secondary care mental health services to prepare for paid work, through the support of employment specialists, who work across the region to empower service users to find the employment of their choosing and enjoy the bio-psycho-social benefits that good employment brings. CNTW are commissioned by NHS England to deliver IPS across the across the North East and Cumbria, the programme specialises in:

- employment opportunities.
- help getting or keeping a job.
- employment rights.
- benefit entitlement.

Funding is requested to support robust exploration of evidence-based provision in primary care. Test the evidence-based employment support or similar model – IPS in a primary care context in an urban and rural location within NTCA area. To determine how the model may best operate and then utilise learning from this scoping exercise to implement changes across the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB) to improve access to evidence-based employment support for wider population. Funding is requested to support two NHS employment specialists to be embedded into Primary Care Networks (PCN) in Newcastle and Northumberland and to explore whether the evidence based IPS or a similar model of employment support functions well in a primary care setting.

An internal appraisal was carried out on the project which demonstrated the project aligns well with the themes in the NTCA's corporate plan including the Inclusive Economy theme, however it was recommended the project be approved with the following funding conditions:

- A Grant Funding Agreement will be subject to the applicant providing NTCA with satisfactory legal advice of the Subsidy Control position.

Investment panel considered the proposal by written procedure and it has been recommended by Investment Panel to the Chief Executive that £81,059 of funding should be approved.

<b>Proposal Name</b>	CNTW IPS Primary Care Pilot
<b>Lead organisation</b>	CNTW NHS FT
<b>Delivery areas</b>	Newcastle Upon Tyne and Northumberland
<b>Timescales</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> August 2023 to 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2024
<b>Project Value</b>	£139,059
<b>Grant/loan amount requested</b>	£81,059
<b>NTCA Budget implications</b>	BCDF: Original Allocation £4.5m. Approval of this project would take total BCDF approved expenditure to £3.74m

## 2. Potential Impact on Objectives

2.1 This proposal supports several strategic priorities and themes set out in NTCA's Corporate Plan.

## 3. Key Risks

3.1 Due to value the project is not deemed high-risk and NHS England and Improvement have confirmed match funding.

## 4. Financial and Other Resources Implications

4.1 £81,059 has been allocated to this proposal for spend through 2023/24, funded from the £4.5m Business Case Development Fund workstream of the NTCA Investment Plan.

## 5. Legal Implications

5.1 The condition included regarding Subsidy Control will be addressed before the preparation of the Grant Funding Agreement.

## 6. Equalities Implications

6.1 As required by section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the combined Authority has considered its obligations regarding the Public Sector Equality Duty and there will be no anticipated negative impact on groups with protected characteristics from this project.

## 7. Inclusive Economy Implications

7.1 All business case development fund applications are required to set out an approach which contributes towards NTCA's ambitions for an Inclusive economy, this has been assessed through the appraisal process and considered acceptable.

## 8. Climate Change Implications

8.1 The application does not reference climate change directly.

## 9. Consultation and Engagement

9.1 Throughout the process consultation has taken place which has included discussion at Technical Officer Group meeting, Investment Panel (by written procedure), at officer level in NTCA and with CNTW.

**10. Appendices**

10.1 None

**11. Background Papers**

11.1 None

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**13. Glossary**

CNTW	Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear (CNTW) NHS Foundation Trust
IPS	Individual Placement Support
NENC ICB	North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board
BCDF	Business Case Development Fund

**14. Sign-off**

1) Portfolio holder: Yes 3/8/23	2) Director of P&P/Head of Service: Yes 3/8/23	3) Director of Finance: Yes 9/8/23	4) Monitoring Officer: Yes 17/8/23
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