



**West
Northamptonshire
Council**

Appendix A

0-19 Health Visiting and School Nursing Service

Recommissioning Process – Progress and
Development



- ❑ West Northants Council has a statutory duty to provide the 0-19 health visiting and school nursing service to deliver the 0-19 Healthy Child Programme (HCP), which is the universal clinical and public health programme for children and families from birth to 19 years of age (up to 25 years for children with SEND).

- ❑ At present, the service is commissioned as a county-wide service (hosted by North Northants) and includes:
 - 0-19 health visiting and school nursing service
 - Infant feeding service
 - Family Nurse Partnership

- ❑ Additional commissioned services that support the health and wellbeing of Children and Young People include:
 - Strong Start (universal 0-5 service)
 - REACH Youth Counselling

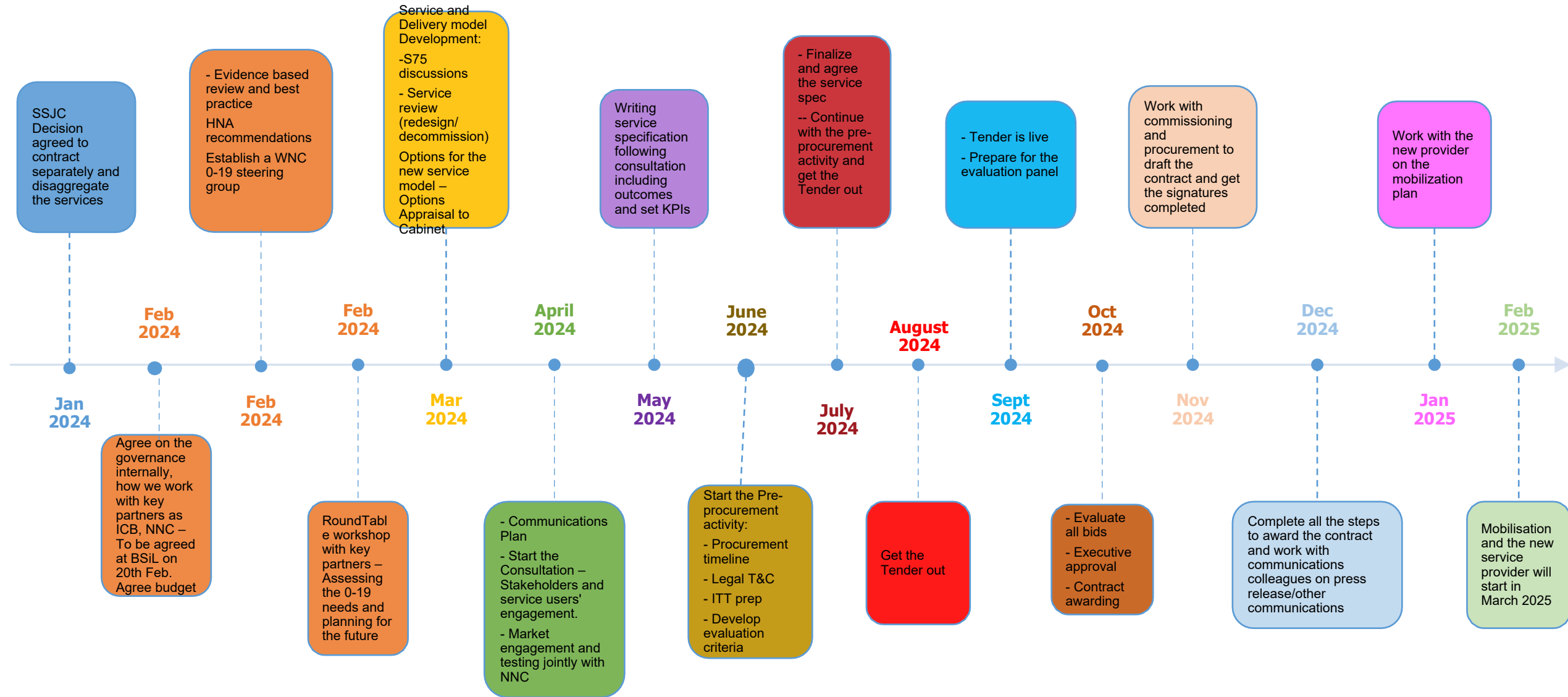
- ❑ These services are currently funded from the Public Health Grant by each local authority at a total annual value of £13.0m, North £6.3m and West £6.7m.

- ❑ The Shared Services Joint Committee was briefed on 17th January 2024 about an options appraisal for recommissioning Public Health services for children and young people across North and West Northants councils. The decision agreed was to contract separately and disaggregate the services listed below from March 2025:
 - 0-19 Health Visiting and School Nursing service
 - Strong Start (0-5 Universal service)
 - Infant Feeding Service
 - Family Nurse Partnership
 - REACH

- ❑ To support this decision, West Northants Public Health team have started developing an action plan with a draft timeline to prepare for the recommissioning process with the aim of integrating this with our West Family Hubs development and Early Help offer.

- ❑ The timeline presented in the next few slides is a draft timeline of the recommissioning process highlighting the commissioning milestones and key steps

Draft Commissioning Timeline



- ❑ There will be a wide consultation with key stakeholders and partners such as the Integrated Care Board (ICB), Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (NHFT), Northamptonshire Children's Trust (NCT) and others, in addition to consultation with young people and families with children under 5 to develop a new service delivery model for 0-19 Public Health services.
- ❑ We will be holding 2 Roundtable workshops by end of April/early March jointly with NNC colleagues with systemwide partners to assess the needs of 0-19 services and plan for the future describing the next 14 month's journey.
- ❑ We are currently working with our communications colleagues to develop a press release about disaggregation and the recommissioning process.

- ❑ Key discussions and decisions are needed to progress with the re-commissioning milestones:
 - Agree within WNC the Governance structure for this work
 - Agreement internally on S75 arrangement with ICB and communicate our decision with ICB leaders
 - Where we need to decommission any of the services on the list (on the first slide), we need to work with comms, legal and TUPE to manage staff redundancy
 - Work with NNC where there's opportunities for join up working to avoid any duplication (e.g. Market engagement)