

## London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham Record of Cabinet Member Decision

**The Decision below can be implemented.**

- ❖ Draft Decision List published on: 31 March 2022
- ❖ Confirmed Decision List published on: 5 April 2022

1. **TITLE: Approval to the financial contributions to CCG-held Speech and Language Therapy contract**

2. **DECISION MADE BY:** Cabinet Member for Children and Education

3. **DECISION:**

The Cabinet Member for Children and Education:

1. Approves the annual financial contribution of £1,112,074 towards the contract held by the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) for Speech and Language Therapy services provided by Central London Community Healthcare NHS Trust (CLCH) for four years from April 2022 to March 2026. Total £4,448,296.
2. Approves an additional financial contribution of £67,460 per annum towards the contract held by the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) for Speech and Language Therapy services provided by Central London Community Healthcare NHS Trust (CLCH) for an integrated Speech Therapist post within the Council's Joint Communication Team for a period of four years. Total £269,840.

4. **REASON FOR DECISION:**

The decision enables the Local Authority to discharge its statutory duties in securing provision specified in Section F of the EHC Plan (s.42 Children and Families Act 2014) whilst supporting ongoing transformation work in developing a robust ordinarily available offer that supports meeting speech, language and communication needs earlier and without the need for an EHC Plan.

5. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

Option 1: Agree to the financial contributions for the Speech and Language services, recommendations one and two. (Recommended)

Option 2: Do not agree the financial contributions for the Speech and

Language services, recommendations one and two. (Not recommended)

Option 3: Agree the financial contributions for the Speech and Language services (recommendation one) but do not agree funding to support development of an integrated early intervention offer (recommendation two). (Not recommended)

6. **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND DISPENSATIONS GRANTED:**

None

<b>Date of Decision</b>
30 March 2022