

To be completed for all waiver requests to the Contract Standing Orders			
Waiver request for the Direct Award 7 CHS SEND Contracts			
Waiver value: £176,811			
Request Author: Paul Triantis Strategic Lead		NOTED by:	
Directorate: CHS		Head of Procurement	
Contact Details E-mail: Paul.Triantis@lbhf.gov.uk		Date: 29/04/2020	

NOTE: All waivers must be sent to the Head of Procurement for initial approval.

1. RECOMMENDATION:

1.1 That the [Head of Procurement] approves a waiver of Contract Standing Order 19.1 on the following ground:

22.3.6. There are other circumstances which are genuinely exceptional.

2. JUSTIFICATION:

2.1. Approval of the following direct awards; as detailed in the Cabinet Members Decision report and in the table below; would ensure that vital existing provision is secured over the coming year when the Council are going to rely significantly on the providers and their workforce to both continue their services and support the Local Authority deliver our services in response to the COVID-19 epidemic.

Provider	Start Date	Expiry Date	Proposed duration of contract extension/direct award	Capped value of new contract (£)	New Total Value of Contract
Insights (IASS Service)	04/01/2018	31/03/2020	01/04/2020 - 31/03/2021	63,250	63,250
Central NW London NHS Trust (Palliative Bereavement)	CCG-held Block contract (N/A)	CCG-held Block contract (N/A)	01/04/2020 - 31/03/2021	12,800	N/A - funding only
Kids (SEND Mediation)	04/01/2018	31/03/2020	01/04/2020 - 31/03/2021	18995	18995
Hammersmith & Fulham Mencap (SEND Short Breaks)	04/01/2016	31/03/2020	01/04/2020 - 31/03/2021	33,000	33,000
Action on Disability (SEND Short Breaks)	04/01/2016	31/03/2020	01/04/2020 - 31/03/2021	36,000	36,000

Appendix 3 – CMD Report SEND Contracts

Open Objects (Software (FIS))	04/01/2018	31/03/2020	01/04/2020 - 31/03/2021	6,293	6,293
Open Objects (Software Local Offer)	04/01/2018	31/03/2020	01/04/2020 - 31/03/2021	6,293	6,293

- 2.2. Not approving the direct awards will pose a significant risk to the health and wellbeing of vulnerable children, young people and families who would not be able to access these vital specialist services and Will cause unnecessary strain on higher-level and cost statutory services.
- 2.3. Prior to the COVID-19 epidemic, plans had been put in place to directly award or extend contracts for a short period of time, during which appropriate commissioning reviews and/or retenders could take place. However, on advent of the epidemic, available resource has been deployed towards pandemic response. Desktop analysis indicates that contracts are performing adequately and are meeting local need appropriately, and will continue to do so for the critical 2020-2021 period.
- 2.4. The above contracts are specialist services with a limited provider market in these areas. It is deemed highly unlikely that any alternative providers would be in a position to adequately respond to a re-tender exercise over this current period.
- 2.5. The total contract value of the proposed term (1 April 2019 to 31 March 2021) will be £176,811