

<b>Trust Board Briefing Paper</b>													
<b>Reference Number:</b>	TB/145/10/K												
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	Thursday 25 August 2022												
<b>Presenting Director:</b>	Owen Harkin Deputy Chief Executive/Director of Finance												
<b>Subject:</b>	Malin's Wood Children's Home (formally MACS Children's Home) Dundrod												
<b>Purpose: Approval/Noting</b>	For noting												
<b>Background:</b>	<p><b>Background:</b></p> <p>Strategic Planning and Performance Group approached NHSCT to seek interest in purchasing and running the MACS Children's Home that had come on the market for sale.</p> <p>LPS subsequently engaged with MACS valuers and a purchase price of £460,000 was agreed.</p> <p>The business case explored 6 options:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="496 1317 1401 1854"> <tbody> <tr> <td><b>Option 1</b></td> <td>Do Nothing – Trust continues to deliver the service with 5 existing children's homes</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Option 2</b></td> <td>Trust purchases MACS Children's Home and Delivers the Service</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Option 3</b></td> <td>Trust purchases MACS Children's Home and Contracts a Third Party to Deliver the Service</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Option 4</b></td> <td>Trust contracts a Third Party Provider to provide premises and deliver the service</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Option 5</b></td> <td>Trust leases the premises in Dundrod and delivers the service</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Option 6</b></td> <td>Trust to Purchase Land to build premises and deliver the service</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Following appraisal of options against monetary and non-monetary benefits, the preferred option was noted to be <b>Option 2: Trust Purchases MACS Children's Home and Delivers the Service</b></p>	<b>Option 1</b>	Do Nothing – Trust continues to deliver the service with 5 existing children's homes	<b>Option 2</b>	Trust purchases MACS Children's Home and Delivers the Service	<b>Option 3</b>	Trust purchases MACS Children's Home and Contracts a Third Party to Deliver the Service	<b>Option 4</b>	Trust contracts a Third Party Provider to provide premises and deliver the service	<b>Option 5</b>	Trust leases the premises in Dundrod and delivers the service	<b>Option 6</b>	Trust to Purchase Land to build premises and deliver the service
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	<p>The Trust had engaged with SPPG prior to purchase and was given an indication of a willingness to redirect finding from their budget to cover these costs in the current financial year to enable the running costs of the home (£1.1m) to be covered. SPPG will also engage on the ongoing funding of the home given the likely easement that will arise from the OATs budget in future years.</p> <p>It is anticipated that the first two placements in this home will be taken up by young people currently placed Out of Area (OaT) and therefore funded by SPPG (at a cost of @ £0.5m each. The third placement will be taken up by a child whose package is currently costing the Trust £467k, and this is part of the Trust declared financial position for 2022/23.</p> <p>The purchase was made and the Trust has started the registration process with RQIA and recruitment is currently underway in respect of the management team, followed shortly by the rest of the staff team. Estates Department are required to complete a schedule of works to bring the home back to a suitable standard, following it being vacant for over a year.</p> <p>It is planned that Malin’s Wood Children’s Home will open late autumn for up to 3 children, aged 9- 16 who struggle to live in larger 6 bed children’s homes.</p> <p>The name ‘Malin’ means ‘little strong warrior’ which was felt apt for the young people who will reside in this home, and the grounds of the home have a wooded area.</p>
<p><b>Total Capital Costs:</b></p>	<p><b>£486,050</b> (£460,000 capital, £24,240 for two vehicles and £1810 ICT costs). <b>All Funded in 2022/2023</b></p>
<p><b>Total Revenue Costs:</b></p>	<p><b>£1,099,741</b>, per Annum, to include Wages and Salaries, Direct Staffing Non Pay Costs, Client Household &amp; Personal Expenses, Staff Allowances, Non-pay Building Related &amp; Transport Costs</p>
<p><b>Conclusion:</b></p>	<p>Trust Board is asked to publically note this Business Case as it was previously approved in confidential session due to the commercial confidentiality</p>