

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Public health additional services contract for GPs to deliver alcohol identification and brief advice 2014/15
Total Value:	£139,500 (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	(1) To carry out a procurement process for the provision of GP led alcohol identification services. (2) To delegate authority to the Acting Director of the Crime and Drugs Partnership to award and enter into contracts with the successful GPs.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	<p>The Health and Social Care Act 2012 transferred public health functions from primary care trusts to local authorities. As part of the transition, a number of Locally Enhanced Services (now referred to as Primary Care Locally Commissioned Public Health Services) transferred from Nottingham City Primary Care Trust (NCPCT) to Nottingham City Council (NCC). To ensure continuity of provision the existing services were re-issued by NCPCT with a notification of intention to terminate by 31st March 2014, as agreed at the Executive Board Commissioning Sub Committee in September 2012. Delegated authority was previously sought and approved to re-procure a number of these services.</p> <p>Authority is now being sought to re-procure the alcohol identification and brief advice service, via direct award. This service has been delivered by the same providers for a number of years. It is considered appropriate to undergo a procurement process to ensure that all providers meet the requirements of the Council's public health contracts and to allow additional providers the opportunity to deliver this contract. The new contracts will be for a period of three years. Allowing for longer contracts will reduce the resource required in awarding annual contracts across 60 GP practices.</p>
Other Options Considered:	Do nothing. A decision to not re-tender is not supportive of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy nor would it recognise the need to address a range of substance misuse public health priorities amongst the local population within Nottingham City.
Background Papers:	None.

Published Works:	None.
Affected Wards:	Citywide
Colleague / Councillor Interests:	None.
Consultations:	Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.
Crime and Disorder Implications:	The CDP is required to produce an annual strategic assessment and partnership plan to consider crime, ASB, substance misuse and reoffending in the city. The Plan for 2014/15 was agreed by the Partnership board in Feb 14. Reducing alcohol related harm is a key part of the Partnership Plan. The consideration to re-procure services forms part of the Partnership Plan and Council Plan.
Equality:	EIA not required. Reasons: This is for the provision of an existing service.
Social Value Considerations:	Below threshold.
Regard for NHS Constitution:	Local authorities have a statutory duty to have regard to the NHS Constitution when exercising their public health functions under the NHS Act 2006. In making this decision relating to public health functions, we have properly considered the NHS Constitution where applicable and have taken into account how it can be applied in order to commission services to improve the health of the local community.
Decision Type:	Portfolio Holder
Subject to Call In:	Yes
Call In Expiry date:	16/11/2015
Advice Sought:	Legal, Finance, Procurement

Legal Advice:

There are no legal issues arising from the decision set out in this report. The Council will be entering into contracts with all GPs expressing an interest in delivering the services and that meet the Council's requirements in respect of service delivery and clinical compliance. There will be no competition element to the advertising and awarding of the contracts.

The contracts are anticipated to be based on the NHS model services contract as per the current contracting arrangements.

Advice provided by Naomi Vass (Senior Solicitor) on 16/10/2015.

Finance Advice:

Approval to spend the Crime & Drug Partnership funding was granted as per the Exec Board Commissioning Sub Committee report 11th February 2015, recommendation 1 below.

1 To approve the anticipated expenditure of Public Health, Police and Crime Commissioner, NHS England and Partner Contribution funds by the CDP in 2015/16 as set out in exempt Appendix 1.

To ensure value for money is delivered it is prudent to re-procure the Intervention & Brief Advice Service. The budget fo £46,500 has been identified and is in line with the Medium Term Financial Plan.

Advice provided by Dee Fretwell (Finance Analyst) on 16/10/15.

Procurement Advice:

There are no significant procurement concerns with the recommendations of this report. The CPU is providing full support for procurement of the services as planned.

As detailed in Exec Board Commissioning Sub Committee report of 11th February 2015 the procurement of Brief Alcohol Intervention contracts will be by direct award with the intention to advertise for expression of interest by City GPs via the Council's eTendering system. This will ensure transparency and compliance with Contract Procedure Rules insofar as there is no competition for provision of this service and all suitably qualified GPs may be awarded contracts with a fixed fee paid per intervention delivered.

Advice provided by Dawn Cafferty (Procurement Category Manager) on 15/10/2015.

Signatures

Alex Norris (PH for Adults, Health and Community Sector)

SIGNED and Dated: 05/11/2015

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