

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD COMMISSIONING SUB-COMMITTEE

31 JANUARY 2018

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| | Report for Resolution |
| Title: | Extension to Mental Health Support and Accommodation Based Contract - Stephanie Lodge |
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| Brief summary: | <p>The Stephanie Lodge contract provides a service to vulnerable adults who are experiencing a severe episode of mental illness. The majority of referrals (97%) to this service come directly from the specialist mental health hospital wards. The service has successfully supported 34% of users to remain accommodated within the community after being referred to them as well as having successfully supported 24% of citizens to achieve independent living.</p> <p>The Better Care Fund 2017-2019 submitted plan included within it support for the continuing funding of Stephanie Lodge. The plan was signed off by the Chairs (September 2017) of the Health & Well-Being Board Commissioning Sub-Committee.</p> <p>It is requested that this contract be extended to ensure that this service is aligned to the Adult Better Lives, Better Outcomes Programme and the Clinical Commissioning Group System Affordability Programme.</p> |
| Is any of the report exempt from publication? <i>If yes, include reason</i> | No |

Recommendation to the Health and Wellbeing Board Commissioning Sub-Committee:

The Health and Wellbeing Board Commissioning Sub-Committee is asked to:

- a) approve extension of the Stephanie Lodge contract from 1st October 2017 – 31 March 2019 at a cost of £340,500; and
- b) grant dispensation from Contract Procedure Rule 5.1.2, in accordance with Financial Regulation 3.29.

Contribution to Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy:

| Health and Wellbeing Strategy aims and outcomes | Summary of contribution to the Strategy |
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| Aim: To increase healthy life expectancy | This contract is part of a pathway of services |

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| making Nottingham one of the healthiest big cities | that seek to provide timely intervention to support citizens with poor mental health to live positive, healthy lives. |
| Aim: To reduce inequalities in health by targeting the neighbourhoods with the lowest levels of healthy life expectancy | |
| Outcome 1: Children and adults in Nottingham adopt and maintain healthy lifestyles | |
| Outcome 2: Children and adults in Nottingham will have positive mental wellbeing and those with long-term mental health problems will have good physical health | |
| Outcome 3: There will be a healthy culture in Nottingham in which citizens are supported and empowered to live healthy lives and manage ill health well | |
| Outcome 4: Nottingham's environment will be sustainable – supporting and enabling its citizens to have good health and wellbeing | |
| How mental health and wellbeing is being championed in line with the Health and Wellbeing Board's aspiration to give equal value to mental and physical health | |
| The service ensures that all citizens accessing services are linked into primary care as well as secondary mental healthcare services. The service supports citizens to improve their mental health well-being as well as their physical health. | |

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| Reason for the decision: | <p>Both Nottingham City Council and the NHS Nottingham Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) have a statutory duty towards these individuals under the Mental Health Act 2007 and the Care Act 2014 to ensure their needs are being met and that they are safe.</p> <p>Phase 1 of the Mental Health Supported Accommodation Pathway (MHSAP) Strategic Commissioning Review (SCR) found that this service was good value for money. For example, on average a placement in Stephanie Lodge costs £396 per person per week. This compared to an average cost of £848 per week in a residential placement.</p> <p>Further work is being undertaken to deliver the Better Lives, Better Outcomes Programme in the provision of assistance to people with mental ill health across the health and social care system.</p> <p>The CCG, the NHS Trust and Nottingham</p> |
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| | <p>City Council will work in partnership to identify opportunities to ensure the most effective pathways are in place to support vulnerable citizens.</p> <p>A tender process is not being recommended at this time, as another procurement may be necessary once the above work is concluded.</p> <p>It would be unsuitable for another provider to deliver these services in the interim, as this would risk destabilising the care and support of vulnerable citizens and create uncertainty that could halt or undo any recovery that has been achieved. In addition, it would not be an efficient use of resources, as this would incur additional costs.</p> <p>Stephanie Lodge has been put forward in the Better Care Fund Plan of spend and all partners have previously supported the ongoing financial commitment to this service.</p> |
| Total value of the decision: | £340,500 |
| Financial implications and comments: | <p>The total cost of this decision for the extension of the Mental Health Support and Accommodation Based Contract up to 31 March 2019 is £340,500. There is provision for this cost within the Better Care Fund (BCF) plan, which has been provisionally signed off for 2018/19. This cost is within existing budget provisions allocated within the Medium Term Financial Plan.</p> <p>Procurement and Legal have supported the request for dispensation from the provisions of the Contract Procedure Rules (5.1.2) in accordance with Financial Regulation (3.29) and this is appropriate given the circumstances. Comments from the Chief Finance Officer will be reported at the meeting.</p> |
| Procurement implications and comments (including where relevant social value implications): | <p>The proposal is to extend the contract for the period from 1st October 2017 to 31st March 2019 for Stephanie Lodge. This will allow this service to be considered under the Better Lives, Better Outcomes Programme with the view for the long term commissioning decision in relation to mental health services, including Stephanie Lodge,</p> |

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| | <p>to be taken and an appropriate procurement process commenced. Therefore, dispensation from the provisions of the Contract Procedure Rules (5.1.2) in accordance with Financial Regulation (3.29) (Operational Issues) is supported from a procurement perspective and is allowed under Reg 72(1)(b) of Public Contracts Regulations 2015.</p> |
| <p>Other implications and comments, including legal, risk management, crime and disorder:</p> | <p>The proposal to extend the existing contract at Stephanie Lodge will provide additional support to the existing mental health support and accommodation services but in doing so requires dispensation from Contract Procedure Rule 5.1.2 in accordance with Financial Regulation 3.29 (operational issues).</p> <p>The requested extension is deemed a modification as permitted under Regulation 72 of the Public Contracts Regulations. It is supported on the basis that for technical and economic reasons and to ensure continued service delivery to vulnerable citizens, it would be impracticable, would cause significant inconvenience and substantial duplication of costs to retender the contract at this time.</p> <p>It is understood that the services will form part of the Better Lives Better Outcomes programme for mental health services in which future procurement processes will be considered and undertaken as appropriate.</p> <p>This service helps to prevent crime and disorder through the provision of accommodation and support designed to assist vulnerable citizens to maintain or re-establish independent living. They support and divert citizens who are at risk of perpetrating crime or becoming victims from criminal activities.</p> |
| <p>Equalities implications and comments: <i>(has an Equality Impact Assessment been completed? If not, why?)</i></p> | <p>EIA attached</p> |
| <p>Published documents referred to in the report: <i>e.g. legislation, statutory guidance, previous Sub Committee reports and minutes</i></p> | <p>NB: Nottingham City Council Executive Report detailing the Councils budget proposals (Executive Board Meeting on 19th December 2017) has been taken into account for this decision request. The budget consultation does not affect this decision request, as there is no reduction required from the Stephanie Lodge contract.</p> |
| <p>Background papers relied upon in writing</p> | <p>Better Care Fund Plan</p> |

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| <p>the report: <i>Documents, which disclose important facts, or matters on which the decision has been based and have been relied on to a material extent in preparing the decision. This does not include any published works e.g. previous Board reports or any exempt documents.</i></p> | |
| <p>Other options considered and rejected:</p> | <p>1/ Do Nothing: This option is rejected on the basis that it could result in the loss of key provision and support for vulnerable adults in Nottingham. Without this service, there is a high risk that it would increase demand for other health and social care services provided which will put pressure on the Adult Social Care Budget.</p> <p>2/ To not extend the contracts and go out to tender: This option is rejected on the grounds that the on-going commitment of resources toward the activities provided by these services should be considered as part of the Better Lives, Better Outcomes programme by the Council to assist those with significant mental health difficulty. It would not be efficient therefore to tender this service in isolation for the interim period.</p> |