

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Crime and Drugs Partnership approval to tender community pharmacy supervised consumption of methadone/buprenorphine scheme 2018/19
Total Value:	£902,452 (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	1) To carry out a procurement process for the provision of pharmacy supervised consumption of methadone/buprenorphine for one year, with the option to extend for three further one year periods. 2) To delegate the authority to the Head of Commissioning to award and enter into contracts with the successful pharmacies throughout the term of the contract.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	Approval is sought to re-procure the pharmacy supervised consumption service, through a light-touch procurement process. The service has been delivered by the same providers for many 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 allow additional providers the opportunity to deliver the service. The new contracts will be for the period of one year, extendable on an annual basis for a further three years. Allowing for the annual extensions will reduce the resource required from officers within the Council and from the 53 current providers.
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, antisocial behaviour, substance misuse and reoffending in the city. The plan for 2017/18 was agreed by the Partnership Board in March 2017. Reducing drug-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: Continuation of current service. Adequate equality and diversity elements in the service specification.
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:	15/02/2018
Advice Sought:	Legal, Finance, Procurement
Legal Advice:	<p>The proposals in this report raise no significant legal issues and are supported.</p> <p>The procurement of a new contract for this service under a 'Light Touch Procurement' regime will ensure the most suitable service provision for the Council, compliance with its Contract Procedure Rules and the Public Contract Regulations in a manner that will seek to ensure value for money.</p> <p>The term of the Contract will enable the Council to annually consider its service requirements.</p> <p>Legal services will assist the procurement as necessary with procurement colleagues to ensure appropriate terms and conditions are established. Advice provided by Dionne Claire Screamon (Solicitor) on 17/11/2017.</p>

Finance Advice:

This decision seeks approval to tender for community pharmacy supervised consumption of methadone/buprenorphine for a period of one year with the possibility of extending for a further 3 x one year periods.

The current 2017/18 value of the Public Health Grant, Police & Crime Commissioner Grant, Nottingham City Council and partner contribution funding totals £11,807,171. The anticipated total value of this decision is £902,452 and providing there are no significant funding reductions, there is sufficient resource available to cover this cost. The contract will be reviewed annually to ensure sufficient budget is available.

All current MTFP savings attributable to the CDP have been achieved by retendering services and delivering efficiencies. Further budget reductions are expected in future years due to Public Health grant cuts and potential reductions in partner contributions. In order to react swiftly to such reductions, any contract awarded will have a 'no penalty' break clause built in, with a timescale of 6 months' notice.

Value for money will be secured through the open tender exercise. The team are also undertaking a benchmarking exercise to assist with ensuring value for money.

Advice provided by Hayley Mason (Strategic Finance Business Partner) on 18/01/2018.

Procurement Advice:

The proposed procurement for the provision of pharmacy supervised consumption of methadone/buprenorphine will be undertaken by the Procurement Team through an accreditation process compliant with EU and UK Procurement Regulations (Light Touch Regime) and the Council's Financial Regulations. The accredited providers will be established through a fair, open and transparent process whereby all providers that meet the required quality standards will be awarded a contract. Advice provided by Julie Herrod (Procurement Officer) on 17/11/2017.

Signatures

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