

26 November 2014**Agenda Item: 6****REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH****NHS ENGLAND COMMISSIONING INTENTIONS FOR PRISON HEALTH****Purpose of the Report**

1. This report provides an update on the NHS England commissioning intentions for substance misuse and healthcare services in Nottinghamshire prisons.

Information and Advice

2. The commissioning of prison healthcare services is the responsibility of NHS England. During 2014/15, the responsibility for prison substance misuse services in HMP Ranby and HMP Whatton was delegated to Nottinghamshire County Council. Public Health received funding from NHS England to cover the cost of the contracts and the management of them.
3. From 2015/16, NHS England intends to integrate the substance misuse prison contracts into the overarching healthcare prison contracts. For HMP Ranby and HMP Whatton Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust provide both the substance misuse and healthcare prison services.
4. NHS England have requested that the contracts are novated back to NHS England as of 31st March 2015 to enable this work to begin.
5. Letters have been sent to providers informing them of NHS England's 2015/16 commissioning intentions.
6. Alongside the current monthly highlight reports, Nottinghamshire County Council Public Health will provide a report to NHS England prior to novation summarising work done and any recommendations for the future.
7. As a result of this change, the funding currently received from NHS England for the contracts and their management will cease as of 31st March 2015. The Public Health Contract Management post is a fixed term post and is also due to end on 31st March 2015.

Other Options Considered

8. Nottinghamshire County Council Public Health to continue to manage the contracts but this would not align with NHS England's commissioning intentions.

Reason for Recommendation

9. Novation of the contracts will align with NHS England's commissioning intentions to integrate prison substance misuse contracts with the wider prison healthcare contracts.

Statutory and Policy Implications

10. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Crime and Disorder Implications

11. Substance misuse is a significant issue for prisoners and the prison estate. Substance misuse services within prisons aim to address substance misuse issues and support individuals to recover and achieve abstinence.

Financial Implications

12. Please see paragraph 7.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Committee note the update and the rationale for the change in arrangements.

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Constitutional Comments (LMC 03/11/14)

13. The report is for noting only

Financial Comments (KAS 03/11/14)

14. The financial implications are contained within paragraphs 7 and 12 of the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Electoral Divisions and Members Affected

- All