

12th September 2013**Agenda Item: 4**

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

SUBSTANCE MISUSE COMMISSIONING UPDATE

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide a progress report on the adult community substance misuse treatment and recovery services tender and substance misuse services in Nottinghamshire Prisons.

Information and Advice

Adult Community Substance Misuse Treatment and Recovery Services

2. Consultation on the proposed model and outcome measures commenced on the 20th June 2013 and will run for three months. In addition to four stakeholder events, participation in the consultation can take place by accessing the consultation webpage <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/caring/yourhealth/developing-health-services/substance-misuse-services-changes/> and by the distribution of documents to all libraries. The involvement of service users and carers is crucial and this is currently underway with a series of events including focus groups.
3. Following the consultation period, all feedback will be considered and used to inform the model to be commissioned. The support of Health Watch is currently being secured so they can provide an assurance regarding the quality of the process. The next stage is the development of a service specification and the proposal is to establish a panel of service users and carers to provide input into the development of this, and indeed continue to be involved in the procurement panel. So far this consultation has generated a significant amount of interest amongst stakeholders and we are making every effort to ensure this consultation is done well and that the voices of those in most need are heard.
4. Market testing is now complete and work is underway to develop a costing model to enable greater understanding of the value for money aspects of the tender. The next steps in the process after the conclusion of the consultation period is to move into the formal tender stage, currently this is planned to commence in October 2013.
5. Both the Director of Public Health and the Chair of the Public Health Sub-Committee are being given regular updates on progress and will be advised if an adjustment to the project timescales are needed.
6. The final award will be made in accordance with the Authority's Financial Regulations.

Substance misuse services in Prison settings

7. The Council has a Section 75 of the NHS Act 2006 agreement with NHS England (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Area Team) for delegated responsibility to lead on the commissioning of substance misuse services in custodial settings. The local area team remains responsible for the direct commissioning of broader offender health services. This agreement is concerned with the provision of services in HMP Ranby and HMP Whatton only.
8. HMP Lowdham Grange is a private prison, therefore there are additional complexities in the contract detail, including how resources are allocated. The commissioning and performance management of substance misuse services will therefore remain the responsibility of NHS England, the local area health and justice team and the National Offender Management Service (NOMS).
9. A contract for integrated substance misuse recovery services in HMP's Ranby and Whatton was awarded at the end of January 2013, with new services commencing delivery on the 1st April 2013, full mobilisation of which is on track for completion by the end of August 2013.
10. The intention of Public Health was to eventually align the contract and performance management of all three prison substance misuse services with the community based services within NCC. Indications from NHS England and NOMS are that the extrication of complex arrangements related to private prisons could take some time, resulting in unknown timescales for the transfer of responsibility of HMP Lowdham Grange to the Council. This suggests that it may no longer be feasible to align the three prison contracts. Discussion is currently underway with the local area team regarding the best way forward

Statutory and Policy Implications

11. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, the public sector equality duty, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Implications for Service Users

12. Service users/carers will be consulted as part of the consultation process, and their views gathered. It is intended to establish a service user/carer panel post consultation.

Financial Implications

13. The remodelling and tendering of substance misuse services will address issues of cost efficiency and value for money within the current budget limits.

Crime and Disorder Implications

14. Within scope for the adult community substance misuse treatment and recovery services is the inclusion of the budget for criminal justice interventions. The Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC) office is working alongside Public Health to integrate substance misuse treatment and recovery interventions for those who access via the criminal justice system into the final model commissioned to ensure consistency across the whole system.

District level community safety colleagues are supporting the production of district level community safety information for inclusion in the final tender pack. Community safety colleagues have been invited to the consultation events and invited to participate in the online survey.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) The Sub-Committee are asked to note the progress report.

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Constitutional Comments (SG 22.08.13)

15. Because this report is for noting only no Constitutional Comments are required.

Financial Comments (ZKM 21.08.13)

16. The financial implications are outlined in paragraph 13 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 Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All districts