

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH**OBESITY PREVENTION AND WEIGHT MANAGEMENT UPDATE****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to provide a progress update on the obesity prevention and weight management services re procurement.

Information and Advice

2. Consultation on the proposed new model and outcome measures for obesity prevention and weight management services for adults and children to support sustained behaviour change has taken place between 7th October 2013 and 31st December 2013. The model aims to stop people from becoming overweight and treat those who are overweight. There were a number of ways to take part in the consultation. These were to:
 - a. visit the webpage at: www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/obesityconsultation and complete the online survey
 - b. attend one of three stakeholder consultation events
 - c. complete a paper copy of the survey, available at local libraries, and return using the freepost address
 - d. send an email to obesity.consultation@nottsc.gov.uk

For young people a short questionnaire appropriate to them was developed to obtain their opinions of the proposals. There was significant interest from the public and stakeholders in the consultation. To ensure involvement of service users, focus groups have taken place with service users of all current commissioned services. A total of 11 service user groups will have taken place by the end of the consultation. A verbal update on the findings of the consultation will be given at the meeting and how these will influence the next steps of the procurement of services.

3. All feedback from the consultation will be analysed and a report produced around what stakeholders and the public have said. This feedback will be used to inform changes to the model and the development of a service specification in preparation for the formal tendering stage which is anticipated to start in February 2014.

4. Informal discussions have taken place and work is under way to identify the potential numbers accessing different parts of the model and the associated costs to enable a greater understanding of value for money.
5. Nationally, there is currently lack of clarity around who is the responsible commissioner for the Tier 3 (Specialist Weight Management) services. These services provide support for those with severe and complex obesity and for those who wish to access bariatric (weight loss) surgery. It is unclear if the responsibility is with Local Authorities or with the Clinical Commissioning Groups. A national team consisting of members from NHS England, Public Health England and NICE have been meeting and are expected to provide recommendations by the end of December 2013.
6. Both the Director of Public Health and the Chair of the Public Health Committee have been provided with regular updates on progress and will be advised if any adjustments to the timescales of the project are needed. The intention is for this service to be part of the overall tender process referred to earlier in the context of substance misuse. Obesity and weight management will be one of the lots within that tender. The final award will be made in accordance with the Authority's Financial Regulations and it is expected that new arrangements will be in place during August 2014.

Statutory and Policy Implications

7. 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.

Financial Implications

8. The remodelling and tendering of the obesity prevention and weight management services will address issues of cost efficiency and value for money within the current budget limits.

Implications in relation to the NHS Constitution

9. Regard has been taken to the NHS Constitution together with all relevant guidance issued by the Secretary of State in formulating the recommendation.

Implications for Service Users

10. Service users have been consulted as part of the consultation process and their views gathered.

RECOMMENDATION/S

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

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Constitutional Comments (SG 11/12.2013)

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

Financial Comments (ZKM 11/12/2013)

12. The financial implications are outlined in paragraph 8 of this 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.

- None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- Nottinghamshire