

18 June 2012**Agenda Item: 5****REPORT OF THE GROUP MANAGER, PROCUREMENT CENTRE****ESTABLISHMENT OF A CATEGORY MANAGER (PUBLIC HEALTH) TO
SUPPORT PUBLIC HEALTH & WELLBEING PROCUREMENT STRATEGY
AND ASSOCIATED SPEND ACTIVITY****Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek approval to the establishment of a Category Manager to undertake the procurement support associated with the transfer of responsibility for Public Health from the NHS to the County Council.

Information and Advice

2. As part of the Health and Social Care Bill the government is returning responsibility for improving public health to local government. The main drivers for this are:
 - Population focus
 - Ability to shape services to meet local needs
 - Ability to influence wider social determinants of health
 - Ability to tackle Health inequalities
3. In Nottinghamshire the authority will taking over responsibility for health and wellbeing from NHS Nottinghamshire. Annual spend within Public Health is circa £50m - £60m and covers the following areas:
 - tobacco control
 - alcohol and drug misuse
 - obesity, nutrition and physical activity
 - sexual health
 - dental public health
 - public mental health services
 - healthy living initiatives
 - accidental injury prevention
 - workplace health
4. The majority of the contracts are enveloped in larger NHS or Ministry of Justice frameworks. The contractual make up is therefore extremely complex and

requires considerable analysis and an understanding of novation and variation of contracts.

5. The procurement centre is currently engaged with senior public health and NHS Nottinghamshire stakeholders developing a prioritisation matrix identifying contracts that require activity prior to formal transfer from April 2013, so that utilisation of those contracts can be made from that date. This work is also driving category strategies for 2013 onwards.
6. Work is also being carried out on the remodelling of the Substance Misuse in Prisons Contract, as this expires earlier than formal transfer.

Other Options Considered

7. There is insufficient capacity to absorb this new responsibility into the existing structure, and the role is a specialist position where NHS experience would be an advantage.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

8. The post is currently filled by an interim at a cost of £450.00 day rate (£108,000pa equiv).

Statutory and Policy Implications

9. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, 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.

Financial Implications

10. The post of Category Manager (Public Health) has been evaluated by Hay on Band D (SCP 42 – 47). The mid point cost of this post is £37,642 per annum plus in-costs of 25%, which give a total cost of £47,052 pa.
11. This cost will be met from the NHS budget for Public Health transition to March 31st 2013 (part of the NHS financial grant for Public Health) and NHS Public Health Administrative allocation for Procurement support thereafter. It will therefore not require any financial support from existing County Council resources.

Human Resources Implications

12. The procurement activity that has supported Public Health within the NHS has been devolved amongst a number procurement functions and did not form a substantive part of any ones work load and as a consequence TUPE implications do not apply.

RECOMMENDATION/S

13. The Committee are asked to support the recommendation that the post of Category Manager (Public Health) is established to carry out and support the procurement activities and develop strategies in conjunction with the senior management of Public Health.

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Constitutional Comments (KK 21/05/12)

14. The proposal in this report is within the remit of the Finance and Property Committee.

Financial Comments (PD 15/05/12)

15. The detailed financial implications are set out in detail in paragraph 10 and 11. The post will initially be funded in 2012-13 by resources provided by the NHS which have been transferred to the County Council from the Nottinghamshire PCT, under a section 256 agreement. From April 2013, the Government will pay to all upper tier local authorities a ring fenced grant to meet the costs of the new Public Health responsibilities. Current estimates are that this will be in the region of £30 million for Nottinghamshire. Part of this funding will be required to meet the costs of support services such as Finance, Procurement and HR to the Public Health Team.

Background Papers

16. 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.



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