

COMMISSIONING OF OLDER PEOPLES HEALTHCARE AND ADULT COMMUNITY SERVICES: FINDINGS FROM WORKING GROUP

To: Health Committee

Meeting Date: 11th September 2014

From: Director of Public Health

Electoral division(s): All

Forward Plan ref: **Key decision:** No

Purpose: To report on the findings of the Committee's Commissioning of Older People's Healthcare Working Group following the Committee's decision on 10th July 2014 that the Working Group work with Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group to ensure that the bidders for the services had taken the former Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and public consultation responses into account.

Recommendation: The Committee is asked to consider the report and agree how it engages with the next stage of the commissioning process once the preferred bidder has been selected

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is undertaking a procurement process for healthcare services for older people and for adults with long-term conditions. A range of community services for older people and adults with long-term conditions, unplanned acute hospital care for people aged 65 and older, older people's mental health services and other services which support the care of older people are included in the procurement.
- 1.2 The CCG undertook a public consultation between 17th March and 16th June 2014, based on the initial proposals from the bidders, which the former Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee responded to. The CCG reported on the outcome of the consultation to the Health Committee meeting of 10th July 2014.
- 1.2 At that meeting, the Committee resolved that the Health Committee Commissioning of Older People's Healthcare working group:
 - work with the CCG to ensure that the bidders have taken the former Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and public consultation responses into account
 - make a written report of its findings to the Committee on 11th September.

2. MAIN ISSUES

- 2.1 The working group met with the CCG on 11th August 2014 in order to obtain assurance that it had taken appropriate steps to ensure that the bidders had taken the public consultation responses into account. The CCG provided evidence to the working group in the form of anonymised written statements from the bidders explaining how they had done so. This information was provided to the working group on a confidential basis.
- 2.2 The terms of reference of the working group, which were agreed by the Committee at its meeting on 19th June 2014, state that "The working group will not seek to influence which bidder/s the contract is awarded to." The meeting played no part in the evaluation of the bids, and the CCG was not present when the working group considered the statements from the bidders.
- 2.3 The working group found that the CCG had requested and obtained a written response from the bidders as to how they had taken into account each of the themes, issues and recommendations that had emerged from the public consultation, as set out in the attached summary of issues and recommendations provided to the CCG Governing Body of 8th July 2014 and the Health Committee of 10th July 2014.
- 2.4 The working group members are Councillors Bourke, Nethsingha, Orgee, Rylance, Schumann and District Councillors Carter and Ellington. Cllr Brian Rush from Peterborough City Council is invited to attend as an observer. The meeting was attended by Cllrs Bourke, Carter, Ellington and Rylance.
- 2.5 The working group obtained advice on the legal implications of working with confidential information from Quentin Baker, the Council's monitoring officer.

- 2.6 There will be scope for the Health Committee to scrutinise the mobilisation phase in late 2014 – early 2015 after a preferred bidder has been appointed.

3. SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Resource Implications

The extent to which the procurement process results in more joined up care, more patients supported to remain independent, and improved community and out of hospital services has the potential to impact on County Council care services and budgets.

3.2 Statutory, Risk and Legal Implications

Advice from the Council's monitoring officer is available to the working group and its members on the legal implications arising from working with confidential information

3.3 Equality and Diversity Implications

The services which result from the bidding process will impact particularly on older people, people with long-term conditions, and carers

3.4 Engagement and Consultation Implications

The CCG has undertaken an extensive public and stakeholder consultation. In carrying out its scrutiny role, the Health Committee will seek to ensure that the CCG continues to involve stakeholders and the public in the next stages of the procurement process.

3.5 Localism and Local Member Involvement

There are no significant implications within this category.

3.6 Public Health Implications

The services which are included in the procurement are important for the health and wellbeing of older people and people with long term conditions, and their carers.

Source Documents	Location
Report and minutes Health Committee 19 th June and 10 th July 2014	Rm 114, Shire Hall www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk