

DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR THE PREVENTION OF SEXUAL ILL HEALTH SERVICES

To: **HEALTH COMMITTEE**

Meeting Date: **November 14th 2019**

From: **Director of Public Health**

Electoral division(s): **All**

Forward Plan ref: **2019/74**

Key decision:

YES

Purpose: **The Prevention of Sexual Ill Health Services is currently being re-commissioned for Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) and Peterborough City Council (PCC) as one service under one contract, with Cambridgeshire County Council acting as the lead commissioner. This paper is to secure the delegated authorities to establish the appropriate agreements and to award the contract following the competitive tender.**

Recommendation: **The Health Committee is asked to agree the following.**

- 1. The establishment of a legal agreement between CCC and PCC that assigns Cambridgeshire County Council as the lead commissioner.**
- 2. Delegate sign off for the agreement to the Director of Public Health in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee.**
- 3. Authorise the Director of Public Health, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Health Committee, to formally award the new shared contract, effective from April 2020, subject to compliance with all the required legal processes.**
- 4. Authorise the Consultant in Public Health, Health Improvement, in consultation with the Executive Director of LGSS Law to approve and complete the necessary contract documentation.**

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 In May 2019 the Health Committee approved the commission of a Prevention of Sexual Ill Health Service working across the CCC and PCC areas under one contract with CCC acting as the lead commissioner.
- 1.2 The Prevention of Sexual Ill Health Service will contribute to the improvement of sexual and reproductive health through enabling Cambridgeshire and Peterborough residents to make informed, healthy and responsible choices around their sexual and reproductive health, as it relates to themselves and their sexual partners. It contributes to the achievement of a number of high level high level public health outcomes.
- Under 18's conceptions
 - Improving late HIV diagnosis rates
 - Reducing sexually transmitted infections and specifically HIV infection
 - Reducing inequalities in sexual health
 - Reducing the stigma associated with HIV and other sexually transmitted infections

For Cambridgeshire reducing the number of under 18s conception rate in Fenland and the number of late HIV diagnosis are particular challenges.

- 1.3 The rationale for establishing a shared contract with a lead commissioning organisation is that it affords the potential of a more cost-effective service model.

2. MAIN ISSUES

- 2.1 The joint procurement between CCC and PCC for a shared service to be delivered across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough with CCC as the lead commissioner will require a legal agreement between the two local authorities and provide the appropriate assurances.
- 2.2 The contract will be for three years plus one, plus one and will commence on April 1 2020.
- 2.3 The contract value is as follows

Cambridgeshire County Council Annual value: £150,000 (This includes £25,000 from Adult Social Care that contributes to the HIV support services)

Peterborough City Council: TBC

- 2.4 The new service will build on and develop current service deliverables to provide the following.
- General and targeted information to improve knowledge and awareness of sexual health and contraception issues through promotional activities and campaigns using appropriate media for the target population groups, which includes all age groups.
 - Alongside universal information activities the Service will target vulnerable people and high risk groups to increase awareness and knowledge about late testing for HIV.

- Befriending activities to engage vulnerable and high risk groups living with HIV supporting them to access health and other support services to ensure that their complex needs are met to prevent further adverse health outcomes.
- Develop referral pathways between different support organisations providing support to clients with complex needs.
- Target young people through school activities along with outreach work targeting vulnerable high risk groups.
- Build capacity and skills for improving sexual health by working with partner organisations, communities and target groups

3. ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES

3.1 A good quality of life for everyone

The report above sets out the implications for this priority in **1.2 and 1.3**

3.2 Thriving places for people to live

The report above sets out the implications for this priority in **1.1, 1.2 and 1.3**

3.3 The best start for Cambridgeshire's children

The following bullet points set out details of significant implications identified by officers:

- Young people are especially at risk of sexual ill health. This Service targets young people with prevention messages and skills to avoid risk taking behaviour.

4. SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Resource Implications

- The report above sets out details of significant implications in **2.3**

4.2 Procurement/Contractual/Council Contract Procedure Rules Implications

The following bullet points set out details of significant implications identified by officers:

- Any implications for procurement/contractual/Council contract procedure rules will be considered with the appropriate officers from these Departments and presented to the Health Committee before proceeding.

4.3 Statutory, Legal and Risk Implications

The following bullet points set out details of significant implications identified by officers:

- Any legal or risk implications will be considered with the appropriate officers from these Departments and presented to the Health Committee before proceeding.

4.4 Equality and Diversity Implications

The following bullet points set out details of significant implications identified by officers:

- The current Service is required to demonstrate that it is accessible to the whole population and there is a focus vulnerable and high risk.
- Any equality and diversity implications will be included in the consultation for the new Service. A Community Impact Assessment will be completed.

4.5 Engagement and Communications Implications

The following bullet points set out details of significant implications identified by officers:

- The current Service has remit to communicate and engage with communities and groups.
- The new procurement will include consultation with service providers and users.

4.6 Localism and Local Member Involvement

The following bullet points set out details of significant implications identified by officers:

- The commissioning of sexual health prevention services will involve working with individuals and communities to identify how they can best protect and improve their sexual health.

4.7 Public Health Implications

The following bullet points set out details of significant implications identified by officers:

- The re-commission will improve the sexual health of the population through interventions designed to prevent sexual ill health
- The service developments will include targeted actions that will address any inequalities and improve the outcomes for the most vulnerable and at risk populations.

Implications	Officer Clearance
Have the resource implications been cleared by Finance?	Yes Name of Financial Officer: Anna Parks
Have the procurement/contractual/ Council Contract Procedure Rules implications been cleared by the LGSS Head of Procurement?	Yes Name of Officer: Jeandre Hunter
Has the impact on statutory, legal and risk implications been cleared by LGSS Law?	Yes Name of Legal Officer: Fiona McMillan
Have the equality and diversity implications been cleared by your Service Contact?	Yes Name of Officer: Liz Robin
Have any engagement and communication implications been cleared by Communications?	Yes Name of Officer: Matthew Hall
Have any localism and Local Member involvement issues been cleared by your Service Contact?	Yes Name of Officer: Liz Robin
Have any Public Health implications been cleared by Public Health	Yes Name of Officer: Liz Robin

Source Documents	Location
Public Health England: Making it work: A guide to whole system commissioning sexual health, reproductive health and HIV 2015	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/commissioning-sexual-health-reproductive-health-and-hiv-services
Public Health England: Sexual Health, Reproductive Health and HIV: A Review of Commissioning 2017	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sexual-health-reproductive-health-and-hiv-commissioning-review