

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**CUSTOMER SERVICES, SPORT & LEISURE
CABINET MEMBER**

**SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS –
PROCUREMENT OF DRUG TREATMENT SERVICES**

1.0 OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To authorise the re-procurement of drug treatment services in Primary Care settings.

2.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 A review of drug treatment services was completed in October 2011. It recommended the re-procurement of services provided in Primary Care settings. The intention is to increase the number of treatment exits. At the time of the review, Primary Care services were performing below target in this area.
- 2.2 Successful completion of drug treatment is a Public Health Outcome indicator to support Domain 2: Health Improvement.
- 2.3 The review was presented to The Safer Neighbourhoods Executive Board in December 2011. The Board agreed to the re-procurement of services based in Primary Care
- 2.4 The Joint Commissioning Manager has worked with Legal Services and Procurement to produce an updated service specification. A request for Information via Yortender was then undertaken. Six providers responded to the request.
- 2.5 All Primary Care Services have been issued with notice of termination of current contracts. Existing contracts will terminate on 31 March 2014.

3.0 OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 Option 1: To continue to deliver a Primary Care service for drug treatment via the existing service specification.

- 3.2 Option 2: To re-tender a Primary Care service for drug treatment via an updated service specification.

4.0 ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 4.1 The current specification makes no reference to discharges from treatment. It is based on capitation. This approach encourages services to retain numbers in treatment. The current specification states that clients should be reviewed every three months. This limits engagement with clients that are motivated to reduce their substitute prescribing. Continuing with this model may result in not achieving the national target of care planned discharges from treatment.
- 4.2 The updated specification will deliver a range of treatment options to support recovery, more robust care planning and an increase in clinical interventions. The new model will further bridge the gap between treatment and recovery. It will focus on recovery capital such as family and mutual support. Re-procurement will allow for Social Value to be taken into account at the Invitation to Tender stage of the process. A revised specification will make clear the requirement to discharge appropriate clients from treatment in a care planned way. This is an improvement on the current arrangements and should lead to better performance against national targets.

5.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)

- 5.1 There are no immediate resource implications requiring consideration.

6.0 OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)

- 6.1 The specification was subject to soft market testing and consultation with existing providers and the legal team. The tendering process will take into account all relevant legislation and policies.

7.0 OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

- 7.1 The agreement to re-tender the service is supported by the Safer Neighbourhoods Board.

8.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 That the Cabinet Member authorises the re-procurement of drug treatment services in Primary Care.

- 8.2 That a further report be presented to the Cabinet Member at a later date to update on the outcome of the procurement process and to approve the contract award for the services in question.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

- North Lincolnshire Substance Misuse Plan