

# Wellbeing and Health Scrutiny Board 13 March 2017

## **Integrated Sexual Health Services**

Purpose of the report: Scrutiny of services

The Board has requested an update on the mobilisation of the integrated sexual health services contract from 1 April 2017. This follows a decision by the Council's Cabinet to award the contract to Central and North West London NHS Trust in September 2016.

### Background

1. On 20 September 2016<sup>1</sup> the Cabinet made the following decision:

# APPROVAL TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF AN INTEGRATED SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICE (Item 6)

### **RESOLVED:**

- That a contract be awarded to Central and North West London NHS Trust at a maximum value of £4,333,383.00 per year.
- The contract will be for three years from 1 April 2017 with an option to extend for a further two years, in any event the contract shall be for no more than five years in total.

#### Reasons for Decisions:

The recommended contract award will deliver an evidence based Integrated Sexual Health Service (as described in paragraph 5 of this report) that meets national guidance and fulfils the Council's duties. The service will be open access to all (universal) in line with statutory requirements and the national specification issued by the Department of Health, however there is a clear expectation that the service will be responsive to the needs of key priority groups as defined in the Surrey Sexual Health Needs Assessment. Priority groups in Surrey include

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Cabinet, 20 September 2016 https://mycouncil.surreycc.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=120&Mld=4591&Ver=4 (accessed 1 March 2017)

sex workers, men who have sex with men (MSM), Black Africans and young people.

The three existing contracts for sexual health services are expiring at the end of March 2017 and cannot be further extended.

A full tender process, in compliance with the requirements of EU procurement Legislation and the Council's Procurement Standing Orders has been completed, and the recommendation provides best value for money for the Council following a thorough evaluation process.

The service will be delivered in Surrey from local bases and will provide apprenticeship opportunities to Surrey Young People whilst delivering efficiencies for Public Health Services.

- 2. The Wellbeing and Health Board Chairman was briefed prior to this decision, and a short update was given as part of his Chairman's report in September 2016<sup>2</sup>. The report highlighted that it had been agreed to receive an update to the full Board six months from the contract mobilisation date (September 2017).
- 3. The Board has subsequently requested an update in response to concerns raised during contract mobilisation. The Cabinet papers related to this decisions are attached as **annex 1**.

#### **Recommendations:**

The Board are asked to note the contents of the report and consider what additional recommendations it would wish to make. It is also recommended:

 that a further update is brought six months from the mobilisation of the new integrated sexual health services contract

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Annex 1 – Cabinet paper, 'Approval to Award a Contract for the Provision of an Integrated Sexual Health Service' 20 September 2016

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Wellbeing and Health Scrutiny Board, 16 September 2016, 'Chairman's Report' <a href="https://mycouncil.surreycc.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=433&Mld=4834&Ver=4">https://mycouncil.surreycc.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=433&Mld=4834&Ver=4</a> (accessed 1 March 2017)