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SECTION 256 AGREEMENT FOR TIER 3 WEIGHT MANAGEMENT SERVICES
Councillor Diane Lamb, Cabinet Member for Public Health
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Deadline date: July 2018

Cabinet portfolio holder: Responsible Director:	Cllr. Diane Lamb, Cabinet Member for Public Health Dr. Liz Robin, Director of Public Health		
Is this a Key Decision?	NO		
Is this decision eligible for call-in?	NO		
Does this Public report have any annex that contains exempt information?	NO		
Is this a project and if so has it been registered on Verto?	NO		

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Cabinet Member is recommended to:

approve a Section 256 agreement to enable the Council to commission Tier 3 weight management services on behalf of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group as part of the Integrated Healthy Lifestyles contract operating from 01 April 2017 to 31 March 2022. The Section 256 agreement will enable funding to be transferred from the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group to the Council for these services.

1. PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

1.1 This report is for Cabinet Member for Public Health to consider exercising delegated authority under paragraph 3.4.3 of Part 3 of the constitution in accordance with the terms of their portfolio at paragraph (e).

2. TIMESCALES

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	NA

3. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is a clinically led organisation consisting of a wider number of GP practices, as its members cover across Cambridgeshire, Peterborough and parts of Hertfordshire and Northamptonshire, and is responsible for ensuring the delivery of high quality NHS services in its region. The CCG is empowered by s.256 of the National Health Service Act 2006 to use grant payments received by it from the NHS, to fund certain early intervention community health schemes overseen by Councils.
- 3.2 One such early intervention community health scheme is Tier 3 weight management services. This service provides a clinical intensive multi-disciplinary service for the morbidly obese and more complex cases. Specialist medical clinician, specialist nurse and/ specialist dietician, psychologist/psychiatrist and physiotherapist will provide care.
- 3.3 The Cabinet Member for Public Health is asked to approve a Section 256 agreement between the CCG and the Council, to enable Tier 3 weight management for Peterborough residents to be commissioned by the Council through its healthy lifestyles commissioned programme.
- The CCG and the Council have agreed an annual budget for Tier 3 weight management services. The agreed budget for the period 01 April 2017 to 31 March 2018 is £51,932.20, and for each financial year, beginning 01 April 2018 and finishing on 31 March 2022, the agreed budget is £88,000 per annum. The lower figure for the financial year 2017/18 is due to services only being delivered for part of the year.

4. CONSULTATION

4.1 Consultations with the Greater Peterborough Executive Partnership with representatives from the Council and the CCG were undertaken to determine the best way of commissioning Tier 3 services.

5. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT

5.1 Using the s.256 grant for Tier 3 services will benefit local residents, providing direct local support and alignment with associated healthy lifestyle services.

6. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

The approval of the Section 256 is recommended as Tier 3 weight management services are required to meet current needs among local residents.

7. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

7.1 To not enter into a Section 256 agreement

This option was dismissed as this would lead to disparate services that would be to the detriment of local residents that require integrated healthy lifestyle support services.

8. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

8.1 It is beneficial to enter into a s.256 Agreement and embed Tier 3 Services as part of the integrated healthy lifestyle service.

Legal Implications

8.2 Section 256 of the NHS Act 2006 requires the CCG to be satisfied before it makes the payment that the payment is likely to secure more effective use of the funds than if an equivalent amount was spent by the CCG. It is a condition that he Council must enter into a binding s. 256 Agreement with the CCG in order to receive the funding, regulating how the grant monies are to be spent and the Council's accountability to the CCG.

Equalities Implications

8.3 There are no equalities implications related to this agreement.

9. DECLARATIONS / CONFLICTS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

9.1 None

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Draft Section 256 Agreement for Tier 3 Weight Management Service Integrated Healthy Lifestyles paper submitted to the Greater Peterborough Executive Partnership.

11. APPENDICES

11.1 None