

SECTION 256 AGREEMENT FOR HOSPITAL ALCOHOL LIAISON PROJECT AND AGREEMENT WITH POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER RELATING TO THE INNOVATION FUND
Councilor Diane Lamb Cabinet Member for Public Health
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Is this a Key Decision?	YES If yes has it been included on the Forward Plan : Yes Unique Key decision Reference from Forward Plan : KEY/01MAY15/01
Is this decision eligible for call-in?	YES
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:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the Council entering into a section 256 agreement with Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group for the provision of the Hospital Alcohol Liaison Project. 2. Approve the Council entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner for receiving a grant to be used as an Innovation Fund.

1. SUMMARY OF MAIN ISSUES

- 1.1 This report seeks the Cabinet Member’s approval to enter into a section 256 agreement with Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group for the provision of the Hospital Alcohol Liaison Project (HALP). HALP will be embedded within the Integrated Substance Misuse Treatment System which is in the process of being retendered.
- 1.2 This report also seeks the Cabinet Member’s approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner. The MoU

will allow a grant, given by the Police and Crime Commissioner, to be used as an Innovation Fund for the Integrated Substance Misuse Treatment System.

2. PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

- 2.1 This report is for the Cabinet Member for Public Health to consider exercising delegated authority under paragraph 3.4.8 (a) of Section 3 – Executive Functions of Part 3 of the constitution in accordance with the terms of their portfolio at paragraph (a) principally – ‘Public Health functions of the Council; including all matters specifically provided by the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and related legislation’.

3. TIMESCALE

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If Yes, date for relevant Cabinet Meeting	N/A
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4. DETAILS OF DECISION REQUIRED

- 4.1 The council is currently conducting a retender process for all contracts associated with drug and alcohol treatment. The end result will be an Integrated Substance Misuse Treatment System. The new service will commence on 1st April 2016 which coincides with the end of the current contracts.

Section 256 Agreement

- 4.2 HALP is presently commissioned by Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group and delivered by Drink Sense, who are also the current provider of the Adult Alcohol Treatment Service. However, to include the HALP within the Integrated Substance Misuse Treatment System specification, a section 256 agreement is required between the Council and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group.
- 4.3 Pursuant to section 256 of the National Health Service Act 2006, payments will be made to the Council under a section 256 agreement for the inclusion of the HALP within the Integrated Substance Misuse Treatment System specification. This legislation allows the NHS to make funding transfers to a local authority in order to secure more health gain than an equivalent expenditure within the NHS. Subsequently the HALP will be embedded within the Integrated Substance Misuse Treatment System contract.
- 4.4 The total amount to be transferred for each year of the Integrated Substance Misuse Treatment System contract is £105,000. This figure will be reviewed annually.

Memorandum of Understanding

- 4.5 The Memorandum of Understanding between The Council and the Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner will grant money in the form of an Innovation Fund to the winner of the Integrated Substance Misuse Treatment System tender. The aim of the fund is to drive reductions in crime and disorder arising from problematic drug and alcohol misuse. The Innovation Fund will encourage the service to be innovative and creative while maintaining enough flexibility to meet the ever changing needs of the city.
- 4.6 The grant is expected to be circa £150,000 per annum. This figure will be reviewed annually.

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Consultation is key to the continued successful commissioning of services. Consultation has been undertaken with service providers, key stakeholders, including Public Health England.

6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

- 6.1 The section 256 transfer will allow the specification for the Integrated Substance Misuse Treatment System tender to include the HALP. This will result in the HALP being fully funded and embedded within the Integrated Substance Misuse System contract.
- 6.2 The grant provided by the Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner will be used as an Innovation Fund with the aim of providing finance for the reduction of crime and disorder associated with drug and alcohol use.

7. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS & ANY RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 7.1 The section 256 transfer allows Peterborough City Council to include HALP within the Integrated Substance Misuse Treatment System specification. HALP enables the detection of people who have been admitted to hospital for alcohol related causes. When a patient has been admitted to hospital there is an ideal opportunity to deliver brief interventions and advice with the aim of preventing further hospital admissions. When necessary patients may be referred to and engage with the alcohol treatment service. According to DrinkSense who currently deliver HALP, 901 referrals were made, 1300 brief interventions and 553 brief advice sessions were delivered between April 2014 and March 2015.
- 7.3 It is anticipated that embedding HALP will maximise opportunities to engage with problematic alcohol users, who are unwilling to self-refer. A seamless and robust pathway in to treatment will be created while increasing alcohol harm awareness and reducing repeat admissions into hospital.
- 7.4 The project also fits Peterborough's partnership approach, being in line with the multi-agency Safer Peterborough Partnership's objectives of tackling alcohol-related harm. It is further in line with HM Government's Alcohol Strategy (March 2012) which advocates alcohol liaison work in all hospitals
- 7.5 The grant from the Police and Crime Commissioner will give the successful provider an opportunity to access an Innovation Fund. This fund will give the provider additional resources to finance creative and innovative ways to achieve the required outcome of reducing crime and disorder associated with problematic drug and alcohol use. Reducing crime and disorder is one of the key outcomes of Integrated Substance Misuse Treatment System retender. With the help of the grant the new provider will be able to contribute towards achieving this outcome by reducing crime and disorder further.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 8.1 Not to include HALP in the retender. Without HALP the Integrated Substance Misuse Treatment System would be without a tried and tested referral route and would have to rely more on outreach programmes and self-referrals. There is also a risk that Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group would commission a different provider to deliver HALP on their behalf. This could undermine the integration of the new treatment service as there would be a separate organisation potentially making referrals which could lead to fractured pathways and missed referrals.
- 8.2 Consideration was given to the option of including the Police and Crime Commissioner's grant within the total resource envelope. However, this option was ruled out as the focus of

this specific grant could be lost. By separating the grant as an Innovation Fund, it allows the Police and Crime Commissioner to see the tangible results of the investment.

9. IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Financial implications:

The section 256 transfer stipulates that HALP will be funded by Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group. The Memorandum of Understanding specifies that the Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner will provide a grant for an Innovation Fund to be included in the Integrated Substance Misuse Treatment System. Therefore no cost will be incurred by Peterborough City Council.

9.2 Legal implications:

Section 256 of the National Health Service Act 2006 provides authority for a Clinical Commissioning Group to make payments to a Local Authority if the Clinical Commissioning Group is satisfied that the payment is likely to secure a more effective use of public funds than the deployment of an equivalent amount on the provision of services.

Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 provides powers for Commissioners to award grants to any organisation or body they consider will support their community safety priorities and the Localism Act 2011 provides councils with a General Power of Competence.

10. DECLARATIONS / CONFLICTS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

None.

11. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985) and The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

None.