

<b>STRONG AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Agenda Item No. 11</b>
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## Report of the Director of Operations

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### SECTION 75 POOLED FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUBSTANCE MISUSE SERVICES

#### 1. PURPOSE

This report outlines the purpose of the Section 75 pooled funding agreement for the commissioning of substance misuse services.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

To scrutinise the proposed Executive Decision prior to its consideration by the Cabinet Member.

#### 3. LINKS TO SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT

The Sustainable Community Strategy and the Local Area Agreement aim to deliver a bigger and better Peterborough, through improving the quality of life for all. The annual Adult Drug Treatment Plan sets out the treatment and priorities for substance misuse including the monies allocated and proposed spend, this feeds into the CDRP Strategic Assessment and by addressing substance misuse we contribute directly to the outcome of ‘Making Peterborough Safer’.

#### 4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Adult drug treatment commissioning was historically carried out by both the Peterborough Drug and Alcohol Action Team (now part of the SaferPeterborough Partnership Team) and Peterborough PCT (now NHS Peterborough). Following a review of drug service commissioning it was agreed that Peterborough City Council would take the lead for all local commissioning. Peterborough PCT agreed to transfer their drug treatment budget to the DAAT/SPP Team to create a larger pooled budget for drug treatment.
- 4.2 This decision was formalised through a Section 75 Partnership Agreement between Peterborough City Council and NHS Peterborough. The agreement was developed in line with, and using flexibilities detailed in, the National Health Service Act 2006 under Section 75 of that Act. It enables monies to be pooled within a single budget, and jointly commissioned against agreed shared priorities.
- 4.2 The original agreement came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008. Pooling of the PCC and NHS Peterborough drug treatment budgets under the Agreement has supported ongoing performance improvements, alongside delivering value for money by streamlining commissioning processes and through the revised treatment service configuration, which coincided with the pooling of the budget. The continued pooling of drug treatment funding streams and integrated commissioning will support local performance against strategic priorities and targets identified within the Local Area Agreement (LAA).

## **5. KEY ISSUES**

- 5.1 The Section 75 Agreement, covering the period 2008-2011, operated successfully throughout 2008/2009 and underpinned the integrated commissioning of adult drug services within Peterborough.
- 5.2 The amounts of funding within the scope of the agreement have increased from the minimum annual indicative amount identified within the original agreement, and a variation has been drawn up. This is due to underspend carried forward from 2008/09, to an increase in the Pooled Treatment Budget allocation provided to Peterborough by the National Treatment Agency for Substance Misuse (NTA), and to the inclusion of the Integrated Drug Treatment System funding, which supports the drug treatment provision within Peterborough Prison.
- 5.3 Expenditure is monitored via the Adult Joint Commissioning Group for Alcohol and Drugs, reported through the SaferPeterborough governance structure, and is reported on a quarterly basis to the National Treatment Agency for Substance Misuse.

## **6. IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 The Section 75 Agreement enables meaningful contract and performance management of specialist substance misuse services in Peterborough within a single structure. This supports positive health, social care and criminal justice outcomes for service users and the wider community.

## **7. CONSULTATION**

- 7.1 Extensive consultation took place to develop and agree the Adult Drug Treatment Plan for 2009/10, within which the expenditure for drugs treatment is outlined.
- 7.2 The SPP has consulted with PCC Legal Services and with NHS Peterborough to establish the Section 75 Agreement.
- 7.4 The SPP has consulted with the Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care and the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood, Housing and Community Development.

## **8. EXPECTED OUTCOMES**

- 8.1 The outcome of the Section 75 Partnership Agreement between Peterborough City Council and NHS Peterborough is that commissioning of adult drug treatment services will be fully integrated and streamlined to ensure high quality, effective services are delivered to the local community and that best value and positive outcomes are maximised.

## **9. NEXT STEPS**

- 9.1 A variation has been proposed to the existing agreement and is due to be agreed through the Cabinet Member Decision Notice process to enable the Section 75 Agreement to include the additional monies available this year. Spend will continue to be monitored via the SaferPeterborough Partnership governance processes and reported quarterly to the NTA.

## **10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- 10.1 The National Health Service Act 2006 (HMSO)

## **11. APPENDICES**

None.