

**RECOMMISSION OF PREVENTION OF SEXUAL ILL HEALTH SERVICES
ACROSS PETERBOROUGH AND CAMBRIDGESHIRE**

**Cllr Wayne Fitzgerald, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Adult
Social Care, Health and Public Health**

November 2019

Deadline date: November 2019

Cabinet portfolio holder:	Councillor Wayne Fitzgerald, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Health and Public Health
Responsible Director:	Dr Liz Robin, Director of Public Health
Is this a Key Decision?	YES Forward Plan Reference Number: KEY/5AUG19/02
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

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S

The Cabinet Member is recommended to approve the following.

1. A competitive procurement for the re-commission of the Prevention of Sexual Ill Health Service as a shared service contracted to work across the Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council areas. This is with one local authority taking the lead on the procurement. The five year contract will operate from the 1st of April 2020 to 31st March 2025, with break points at Year 3 and 4.
2. Authorise the delegation of authority to Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) to act as lead local authority in commissioning the Prevention of Sexual Ill Health across Peterborough and Cambridgeshire and for delivery of the function of the service to CCC, which shall include the associated transfer of funding to CCC for up to five years (1st April 2020 to 30th September 2025).

1. PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

- 1.1 This report is for the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Health and Public Health to consider exercising delegated authority under paragraph 3.3.8(a) of Part 3 of the Constitution in accordance with the terms of their portfolio at paragraph 3.11(b) in support of the following.
- a) The undertaking of a joint competitive tender for the Prevention of Sexual Ill Health on behalf of Peterborough City Council and Cambridgeshire County Council areas.
 - b) The establishment of a Delegation and Partnering Agreement between Peterborough City Council and Cambridgeshire County Council that delegates delivery of the Prevention of Sexual Ill Health Service to Cambridgeshire County Council as the lead commissioner.

2. TIMESCALES

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	
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3. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 Since 1st April 2013, Local Authorities (LAs) have been providing services that aim to prevent sexual ill health and unplanned pregnancies.
- 3.2 Peterborough City Council (PCC) and Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) commission the voluntary organisation DHIVERSE to provide a prevention and support sexual health service in their areas. The aim of these Services are to contribute to the improvement of sexual health through enabling Peterborough and Cambridgeshire residents to make informed, healthy and responsible choices around their sexual health, as it relates to themselves and their sexual partners. The contracts also includes the requirement to provide HIV support services funded by PCC and CCC Adult Social Care which Public Health commissions on its behalf.
- It contributes to the achievement of a number of high level high level public health outcomes.
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- Under 18's conceptions
 - Improving late HIV diagnosis rates
 - Reducing sexually transmitted infections and specifically HIV infection
 - Reducing inequalities in sexual health
 - Reducing the stigma associated with HIV and other sexually transmitted infections
- 3.4 For Peterborough and Fenland (Cambridgeshire) reducing the number of under 18 pregnancies is a long standing challenge. Both Peterborough and Cambridgeshire also have historically high rates of late HIV diagnosis.
- 3.5 Specific service deliverables are focused on the following activities.
- Providing general and targeted information to improve knowledge and awareness of sexual health and contraception issues through promotional activities and campaigns using appropriate media for the target population groups, which includes all age groups.

- Increasing awareness and knowledge about late testing for HIV; targeting high risk groups.
- Building capacity and skills for improving sexual health by working with partner organisations, communities and target groups and through providing a range of interventions which include appropriate presentations/workshops/groups sessions/online for a and school based sessions.
- Providing advice, information and support to enable adults living with HIV to continue to live independently in the community.

3.6 Both the PCC and CCC DHIVERSE contracts will end on March 31st 2020. It is proposed to undertake a joint procurement between CCC and PCC for a single service to be delivered across Peterborough and Cambridgeshire. CCC will be the lead commissioner and hold the contract with the successful bidder and be responsible for performance managing the contract. A legal agreement between the two local authorities will capture this and provide the appropriate assurances for the new contract that will start in April 2020 and will be for five years with break options at the third and fourth years.

3.7 During the past eighteen months in Peterborough, there has been an increasing number of adults at risk of sexually transmitted infections who also have complex health and social care needs. An interim contract was awarded with a small amount of a public health grant funding in 2019 to develop and pilot a service model to support vulnerable groups with complex needs. This is having an impact and has been incorporated into the new Specification for the Prevention of Sexual Ill Health.

4. CONSULTATION

4.1 Consultations have been held with patients to determine the most appropriate services for their needs, the strengths of the current services and where improvements are required. The feedback has informed the development of the service specification.

4.2 Consultation was also undertaken with key partners to determine the strengths and gaps in current provisions that will inform the commissioning of the most cost effective and high quality Prevention of Sexual Ill Health Service across Peterborough and Cambridgeshire.

5. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT

5.1 The re-commissioning of this Service will enable the development of services that will support the following improvements.

- Increase the knowledge of individuals and communities
- Provide them with the skills to help them reduce any risk taking behaviours and improve their sexual and reproductive health.
- Improve alignment of pathways between the services
- Improve access to services leading to leading earlier treatment and/or contraception reducing the risk of onward transmission of sexually transmitted infections and unintended pregnancies.
- Vulnerable groups access the range of support services to address their complex needs and avoid them requiring higher level/residential health and social care services.

6. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 The rationale for having one contract for both Authorities is that it is a more effective use of resources across the both areas.
- 6.2 During 2019/20 the Integrated Contraception and Sexual Health Services (iCaSH) are being recommissioned as one contract for a shared service across the two Authorities. The Prevention and the iCaSH services work collaboratively in some aspects of their work. This will enable any synergies between the contracts to be considered in the development of the two service specifications.
- 6.3 The focus of the Prevention of Sexual Ill Health Service is generally non-clinical and provision is usually from the voluntary sector. Across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough there are a small number of voluntary organisations, each have varied experiences and skills in relation to sexual health prevention and HIV support. The procurement is seeking a collaborative contractual approach between voluntary organisations that would enable the best use of their experience and skills.

7. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 7.1 Do not tender the services collaboratively across the two local authority areas

This option has been excluded primarily because it would not provide the opportunity to establish a more cost effective service model and utilize the differing skills that organisations across the two areas hold.

8. IMPLICATIONS

8.1 Financial Implications

The funding allocations made by CCC and PCC are as follows.

- PCC annual value: £82,000 which includes the £22,000 contribution from Adult Social Care and £60,000 of Integrated Sexual and Reproductive Health Service funding that will be released through the re-procurement of this service.
- CCC annual value: £150,000 including the £27,000 contribution from Adult Social Care.

8.2 Legal Implications

The procurement and contract award will be undertaken in line with legal requirements Found in the Public Contract Regulations 2015 and the Council's Contract Rules.

A Memorandum of Understanding shall be entered into by Peterborough City Council and Cambridgeshire County Councils to document each party's responsibilities throughout the procurement/re-commissioning exercise.

Legal implications shall be considered and addressed within the Delegation and Partnering Agreement underpinning the transfer of commissioning authority to Cambridgeshire. The Peterborough City Council shall delegate delivery of the function for Prevention of Sexual Ill Health to CCC and shall transfer funding to CCC accordingly.

CCC shall therefore act as lead commissioner and enter into contractual arrangements on the council's behalf.

The Parties shall enter into a Delegation and Partnering Agreement in reliance on their powers and the exclusive rights given to local authorities to undertake administrative arrangements of this nature in sections 101 and 113 of the Local Government Act 1972, and sections 19 and 20 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the regulations made under these Acts; together with the general power within section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the supporting provisions within section 111 Local Government Act 1972.

The Delegation and Partnering Agreement shall set out clear roles and responsibilities for both councils, including (but not limited to) liabilities, financial arrangements, information governance and performance management.

8.3 Equalities Implications

The new service will be universal but will need to include targeted actions to address any inequalities and improve the outcomes for the most vulnerable and at risk populations.

9. DECLARATIONS / CONFLICTS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

9.1 *None*

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

10.1 Public Health England: Sexual Health, Reproductive Health and HIV: A Review of Commissioning 2017

11. APPENDICES

11.1 *None*