

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET MEMBER MEETING – PUBLIC HEALTH**

**10<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

**Joint Report of the Strategic Director – Adult Social Care and Director of Public Health**

**Re-procurement of Substance Misuse Family and Carer Services**

**Purpose of Report**

To secure approval to progress with re-procurement of substance misuse family and carer services for Derbyshire including Glossop.

**Information and analysis**

Early support for families and children affected by substance misuse is an important part of the national drug and alcohol treatment strategies. Tailored and co-ordinated support packages around the needs of the whole family delivers better outcomes with savings estimated at £49,000 per family per year on average. This approach yields significant reductions in risks associated with substance misuse, mental ill health and child protection and leads to reductions in anti-social behaviour, crime, truancy and domestic violence (National Drug Strategy 2010). The Substance Misuse Family and Carer Service is an early intervention approach to support those affected by others' substance misuse.

Cabinet approved re-procurement of Substance Misuse Family and Carer Services on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2012. Subsequently the Drug and Alcohol Action Team (DAAT) established a steering group, developed the service specification and have undertaken a full consultation process. The consultation process helped redefine the Family and Carer Services specification, the scope of which is broader than the initial proposal approved by Cabinet, as described below.

The revised contract scope will include young people affected by parental or sibling substance misuse and will integrate help for those affected by other people's alcohol use; currently this is a separate service. In addition, these changes respond to the recommendations of a recent Serious Case Review investigation and gaps in current service provision identified during consultation including Glossop, which previously had no equivalent provision. This aligns with extension of other Derbyshire Public Health interventions into

Glossop and provides the opportunity to maximise efficiency, clinical integration and use of the available infrastructure.

Adult Social Care secured Cabinet approval to develop lead commissioner arrangements for all Family and Carer services. DAAT has met with Adult Social Care and explored options for collaborative commissioning approaches. It was agreed that Public Health will retain the budgetary and commissioning responsibility for the specialist Substance Misuse Family and Carer service to ensure key public health outcomes are delivered, while closer collaboration with Adult Social Care Family and Carer services commissioning will maximise the benefits for service users by enhancing pathways and resources.

### **Financial Considerations**

The contract value in year one (2014-15) incorporating resources for young people, Glossop and alcohol services, is £273k. This comprises joint funding intentions of £7k from CAYA, £50k from Community Safety, £126k from Public Health for the children's support element, £40k from Adult Social Care and £50k from Troubled Families. The contract will be awarded on a 2+1+1 year basis, subject to review based on substance misuse family and carer services performance in delivering the required outputs and outcomes.

### **Equality Considerations**

The service is designed to meet the different needs of people requiring support, reflecting the gender, age and other demographics of people affected by substance misuse in Derbyshire. Wide ranging consultation has been carried out to ensure that the different needs and views of partners and people needing the service are reflected in the contract specification, and thus in the way in which the service will be delivered. The successful provider(s) will be required to provide monitoring and performance information to demonstrate that the service is being delivered fairly, targeting those in need, and achieving positive results for people affected by substance misuse in Derbyshire. This information will be used to inform any future changes to the service as part of an on-going equality impact analysis.

### **Other Considerations**

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: legal, prevention of crime and disorder, environmental, health, human resources, property and transport considerations.

## **Background Papers**

Cabinet report 4<sup>th</sup> September Family and Carer Substance Misuse Support Service

DAAT JCG 30<sup>th</sup> May 2012, DAAT Strategic Commissioning Group (formed to replace DAAT board and JCG) minutes Feb 2013, SCG minutes May 2013.

Procurement guide for commissioners of NHS-funded services - Department of Health July 2010.

Supporting and Involving Carers: a guide for commissioners and providers - National Treatment Agency for Substance Misuse September 2008.

## **Officers' Recommendation**

To approve the proposals to re-procure family and carer services for substance misuse (including alcohol) for Derbyshire including Glossop.

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