

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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

**IMPROVING SUBSTANCE MISUSE RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT SERVICES
(Health and Communities)**

1. Purpose of the report:

To seek approval for the transfer of the substance misuse residential rehabilitation budget from the Adult Social Care Department to Public Health (Substance Misuse).

2. Information and analysis:

Within Derbyshire County Council, budget responsibility for residential treatment for substance misusers currently falls within the remit of Adult Social Care. Workers within community-based drug and alcohol services bring prospective cases to an Adult Care Panel for discussion, and decisions are made about placements following agreed preparatory work. Often these clients have tried for many years, with varying degrees of success, to address their substance misuse in the community, and residential treatment is subsequently deemed to be the most appropriate option for their long-term recovery.

The Public Health Substance Misuse team has budget responsibility for inpatient detoxification treatment. Often the two interventions will work together in succession, in that a client will first detoxify in an inpatient facility for a short time, followed by a period in a different residential treatment centre for intensive and longer-term therapeutic input.

It is proposed that the responsibility for residential treatment should move to Public Health for the following reasons:

- It will offer the opportunity for better joined-up treatment, greater flexibility and potential cost savings for clients requiring both inpatient detoxification (currently managed by Public Health) and residential treatment

- An expert substance misuse panel will be able to robustly challenge decisions around which residential treatment centres are to be used, leading to better outcomes, increased cost effectiveness and reduced attrition rates

The proposal will lead to a more effective service for the Council and service users and benefits from the Public Health function now being part of the County Council.

3. Financial considerations

For the two year period from April 2011 to March 2013, residential treatment cost Derbyshire County Council £726,700, at an average cost of approximately £8860 per client. The available annual budget for virement to Public Health from Adult Social Care is £341,860.

4. Other considerations:

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

5. Background papers:

None

6. Key Decision:

No

7. Call-in:

Is it required that call-in be waived for any decision on this report?

No

8. Officers' Recommendations:

1. That approval be given to transfer the service for substance misuse residential rehabilitation treatment services from Adult Social Care to Public Health, with a provisional transfer date of 01 April 2015, together with the budget of £341,860.

2. That approval be given to proceed with an appropriate procurement model to offer access to a wide range of effective and efficient substance misuse residential treatment services.

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