

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

**12 July 2016**

**Report of the Director of Public Health**

**ORAL HEALTH PROMOTION SERVICE  
(Health and Communities)**

**1. Purpose of Report:**

To seek approval to award a contract for the delivery of an Oral Health Promotion Service to Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS Foundation Trust (**DCHS**).

**2. Information and analysis:**

At a meeting on 15 December 2015, Cabinet approved an approach to commissioning an Oral Health Promotion Service.

**Background**

The requirement for local authorities in relation to oral health promotion, dental epidemiology and oral health surveys is outlined in Statutory Instrument 2012 No 3094, The NHS Bodies and Local Authorities (Partnership Arrangements, Care Trusts, Public Health and Local Healthcare) Regulations 2012.

This legislation states that local authorities are responsible for providing, or securing provision of:

- a) Oral health promotion programmes
- b) Oral health surveys to facilitate
  - the assessment and monitoring of oral health needs,
  - the planning and evaluation of oral health promotion programmes,
  - the planning and evaluation of the arrangements for provision of dental services as part of the health service, and
  - where there are water fluoridation programmes affecting the authority's area, the monitoring and reporting of the effect of water fluoridation programmes.

**Information**

Oral health is a key marker of the general health of a community. Dental diseases, which include dental decay (dental caries), gum disease (periodontal disease) and mouth cancer, are largely preventable. The disease processes are well researched, understood and the use of evidence based preventive programmes would contribute to wider

improvements in the health of the population and help reduce both health and oral health inequalities.

Inequalities in child dental health are well documented, with children attending schools in socially-deprived areas of the UK reported to have a higher experience of tooth decay than children attending schools in non-deprived areas. Although the prevalence of tooth decay in Derbyshire has decreased since 2007/8, inequalities remain with rates of dental decay in 5 year olds ranging from 28% in High Peak to 19% in South Derbyshire. Results from the Public Health England (PHE) Oral Health Survey of 3 year olds also reflect this, with less than 2% of those examined in North East Derbyshire having experience of dental decay, compared with 20% of those examined in Erewash.

Although largely preventable, tooth decay remains the most common oral disease affecting children and young people in England. It was also one of the most common reasons for hospital admissions in children in 2012-13. This has significant implications for the child as their ability to learn, thrive and develop is affected when they are unwell and time lost from school can ultimately impact on educational achievement.

The procurement was advertised under the Public Contract Regulations 2015, using the Light Touch Regime for commissioning health services, and followed the open procedure and tenders were issued to cover an initial three year period, with an option to extend the contract for up to a further two 12 month periods, subject to satisfactory performance.

The procurement was published through the European Journal (OJEU), Contracts Finder and Source Derbyshire websites and was managed electronically through the Council's e-tendering portal. There were twenty expressions of interest, and one bid was received, from DCHS. The bid which was scored on the basis of 25% price and 75% technical/quality, based on the response to the specification.

The score for the tender was as follows:

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Price per annum</b>	<b>Score</b>
Derbyshire Community Health Service NHS Foundation Trust (Bakewell)	£86,552	79.75%

The tender submission from DCHS meets the standards outlined in the service specification and provides the most economically advantageous offer.

### **3. Financial considerations:**

The total contract value per annum is £86,000; the tender came in under budget.

#### **4. Legal considerations:**

Protocol 1 of the Council's Financial Regulations state that where the value of the services in question is above the OJEU threshold, it is for Cabinet to decide whether to approve the award of contract.

#### **5. Social Value considerations:**

This service will contribute to the achievement of the following themes:

- A Derbyshire that Works: the development of a skilled and confident workforce
- A Healthier Derbyshire: the reduction of health inequalities
- A Safer Derbyshire: supporting people in hard times
- A Derbyshire that cares: thriving children, young people and families

#### **6. Other considerations:**

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered; equality, human resources, environment, health, property and transport have all been considered in preparing this paper.

#### **7. Background Papers:**

Background papers are held with County Procurement Services

#### **8. Key Decision:**

No

#### **9. Call-in:**

Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No

#### **10. Officer's Recommendations:**

That Cabinet approves the award of a contract for the Oral Health Promotion Service to Derbyshire Community Health Service NHS Foundation Trust to commence in April 2017 for an initial three year period, with an option to extend the contract for up to a further two 12 month periods, subject to satisfactory performance.

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