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Report of the Director of Public Health

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S SUBSTANCE MISUSE OUTREACH SERVICE
(Health and Communities)**

1. Purpose of the report:

To seek Cabinet approval for the procurement of a contract of two years plus the option to extend by one year for the delivery of a young people's outreach service to commence on 01 June 2018.

2. Information and analysis:

According to the Home Office report "Drug misuse: findings from the 2015 to 2016 Crime Survey for England and Wales":

- Around 8% of people aged 16 to 59 had taken an illegal drug or used a substance unlawfully in the past year, and around 4% had taken one in the past month. Among young adults aged 16 to 24, this was 18% in the past year and 9% in the past month.
- Among young adults aged 16 to 24, 5% were defined as frequent drug users (having taken an illegal drug or used a substance unlawfully more than once a month, on average, in the past year).
- Use of any class A drug was around 10 times higher among people who had visited a nightclub at least 4 times in the past month (18%) compared with those who had not visited a nightclub in the past month (2%). A similar pattern was found for those visiting pubs and bars more frequently.

Based on data from Local Alcohol Profiles for England in May 2017, the rates of hospital admissions for alcohol-specific conditions in those aged under 18 in Derbyshire 2015/16 are significantly higher than the England average, and are the highest in the East Midlands region. Data from the East Midlands Ambulance Service regarding 16-25 year olds

pick-ups shows that during 2016/17 the service responded to 2,452 calls involving 16-25 year olds.

With regards to anti-social behaviour (ASB) in Derbyshire, 5,442 of calls to the police were flagged as youth-related, showing a 13% increase compared with the previous 12 month period.

Preventing harmful alcohol and drug use is a key concern for improved public health and reducing crime and anti-social behaviour. Tackling the root causes of health and social harms and dependence, and aiming to reduce the number of people whose alcohol and drug use has a long-term negative effect on their own and their family's wellbeing is critical to a well-functioning society. There are many factors associated with an increased risk of alcohol and drug problems among young people and young adults, and these often lead to other adverse outcomes, such as mental health problems, offending or risky sexual behaviour. Alcohol and drug prevention tackles a broad range of risk factors which increase the likelihood of someone suffering harm. It can help build resilience to developing alcohol and drug problems and can also help people avoid problems by providing opportunities for alternative, healthier life choices and developing better skills and decision making.

The proposed young people's outreach service will deliver interventions to reduce harm around substance misuse and associated risky behaviours. The target audience (although not restricted to this age group) of the interventions will be those aged 16-25 years old. The service will work with individuals and groups of individuals across urban and rural communities in Derbyshire.

The overall aims of the service are:

- to prevent or delay drug or alcohol use
- to prevent young people who are already using some substances from moving on to other substances
- to prevent young people moving from using substances on an experimental or occasional basis to using them regularly and excessively.

Three place-based areas in Derbyshire have been identified as suitable targets:

- Further and Higher Education establishments
- Night Time Economy
- Festivals, local events and identified locations of concern (e.g. local parks)

3. Financial considerations:

The proposed service will be advertised for tender at a cost of between £0.125m and £0.175m with an additional award of up to £0.050m for

capital costs in the first year. This will be a co-commissioned service with the majority of the funding (£0.150m) provided by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, and the remainder met through the Public Health Grant.

4. Legal considerations:

The procurement process will be conducted in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations and EU Procurement Regulations.

5. Social Value considerations:

Effective prevention of substance misuse¹ results in improved educational and employment outcomes, reduced crime and disorder, and reduced costs to healthcare. The public values such interventions as it makes their communities safer. Applicants will be requested to demonstrate social value in their bids.

6. Other considerations:

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

7. Background papers:

None

8. Key Decision:

No

9. Call-in:

No

10. Officer's Recommendation:

That Cabinet approves the procurement of a contract of two years plus the option to extend by one year for the delivery of a young people's outreach service to commence on 01 June 2018 as detailed in the report.

Dean Wallace
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¹ <http://www.nta.nhs.uk/uploads/why-invest-2014-alcohol-and-drugs.pdf>