

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

**22 November 2016**

**Report of the Director of Public Health**

**AMENDMENT TO FORMAT OF EXTENSION OF CONTRACT: DERBYSHIRE  
INTEGRATED SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICE (DISHS)  
(Health and Communities)**

**1. Purpose of the report:**

To seek Cabinet approval to amend the format of the extension period of the DISHS contract to Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS Foundation Trust (DCHSFT) from two one year periods(1+1) to a combined two years (*01 April 2017 – 31 March 2019*).

**2. Information and analysis:**

Following Cabinet approval on 21st October 2014, the contract for the Derbyshire Integrated Sexual Health Service was awarded to Derbyshire Community Health Services for two years plus up to an additional 2 years, subject to satisfactory performance. The contract period commenced on the 01 April 2015, for an initial 2 year period with an option to extend for a further two 1 year periods. The model of service was a significant change to current delivery to meet new national strategy, A Framework for Sexual Health Improvement in England 2013, which emphasises a move towards integrated service delivery to improve care for patients and better service efficiency.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/a-framework-for-sexual-health-improvement-in-england>

Commissioners feel it necessary to amend the format of the extension to a combined two years because of the following:

- a need to ensure continued service development in an environment of continuity that will maintain an ongoing positive impact on staff. To extend for one separate year gives rise to uncertainty for staff and a risk of destabilisation to the service. This is contrary to the Council's aim to achieve a good integrated sexual health service for residents in Derbyshire.
- The procurement period for this service would be a minimum of 2 years due to the implementation period and preferred procurement process being a competitive procedure with negotiation. The current

format of the extension period (1+1) would therefore mean that the second extension year in its current format would fall in the middle of the procurement process.

The provider model in Derbyshire operates through a lead provider being DCHSFT. The Provider is responsible for whole system delivery, which includes multiple agencies such as the acute organisations, primary care, pharmacy and voluntary sector.

Year 1 delivery has had a level of challenge and key areas are outlined below:

- developing one integrated data collection/ performance monitoring system across multi-agencies and multiple IT systems
- training staff to deliver both contraception and STI interventions (dual training)
- engendering a sense of ownership across all staff, all organisations that before were separate
- delivering key service elements (STI, contraception) through an agreed tariff payment system (payment based on reported activity)
- establishing a Hub and Spoke model across the county to meet need and demand
- establishing one clear brand, one website, one central information and booking line number
- maintaining compliance with National standards and Governance for Sexual Health services across the Derbyshire system

The above challenges have been addressed and are ongoing in their development.

Key performance figures at the end of year 1 show:

28,174 Derbyshire users into service – this is 92% against target.

40,047 contacts (activity) delivered by the service – this is 72% against target.

Commissioners feel that despite a challenging first year, DCHSFT have shown a satisfactory level of performance. Performance data for both unique users and contacts into year 2 show an increase compared to the previous year, therefore indicating an increasing trend. Specific workstreams are established with the commissioning team to continue addressing areas of challenge and including to increase contacts delivered by DISHS and reduce patient flow out of Derbyshire choosing to receive treatment out of area.

DCHSFT had a recent CQC inspection, receiving “good” overall as an organisation. The area of Sexual Health was inspected as “requiring improvement” overall – with 2 out of 5 areas (service effectiveness and

patient care) receiving “good.” Service improvement is already being addressed as part of the workstream activity and through an action plan specific to CQC requirements.

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

The contract value remains the same at £4,994,096 per annum.

### **4. Social Value considerations:**

As part of the future procurement process, which will be carried out during the two year extension period, Social Value will be included and assessed within the tender documentation for the ISHS contract. The focus of Social Value proposals will be aligned with the nature of the contract.

### **5. 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 rights, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

### **6. Background papers:**

None

### **7. Key decision:**

No

### **8. Call-in:**

Is it required that call-in be waived for any decision on this report? No

### **9. Officer’s recommendation:**

That Cabinet approve an amendment to the format of the extension period of the DISHS contract to Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS Foundation Trust (DCHSFT) from two one year periods (1+1) to a combined two years (*01 April 2017 – 31 March 2019*).

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