

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

**24 March 2015**

**Report of the Strategic Director, Health and Communities**

**RE-COMMISSIONING OF DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES  
(Health and Communities)**

**1. Purpose of the report:**

To provide Cabinet with an outline of the re-commissioning process for integrated domestic abuse services.

**2. Information and analysis:**

Following approval to move to an integrated approach for commissioning domestic abuse services across the County Council a timetable has now been drafted and procurement of the services is planned in line with Protocol 1 of the County Council's Financial Regulations.

The current domestic abuse service contracts are due to expire on 31 March 2016. To ensure that there is no gap in service provision and to allow sufficient time for any TUPE requirements the tender documents will need to be advertised by 16 July 2015 for contract(s) beginning April 2016.

The consultation stage began in January 2015 and runs until mid-April 2015. It will engage a wide range of stakeholders including statutory partner agencies, existing service providers and service users, as well as Derbyshire residents generally. The consultation will take various forms including online surveys and specific focus groups. In addition, we will be taking into consideration the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Health needs Assessment for Derby and Derbyshire led by Public Health in November 2014.

Following consultation feedback service specification(s) will be drafted between April and July 2015 together with 3-year contract(s) with an option to extend for a further period of up to two years. An Equality Assessment will be completed on the proposed specification(s), together with a Health Impact Assessment.

Following completion of the procurement process a further report will be brought to Cabinet for approval of the preferred supplier(s).

**3. Financial Considerations:**

The current budget for domestic abuse services is approximately £1.5m, together with some additional funding contributions from external partners.

**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:**

Cabinet Paper 02 December 2014 – Integrated Commissioning of Domestic Abuse Services

**6. Key Decision:**

No

**7. Call-in:**

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

No

**8. Officer's Recommendation:**

That Cabinet approves the procurement of integrated domestic abuse services in line with Protocol 1 of the Council's Financial Regulations to take effect from April 2016.

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