

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET

26 January 2016

Report of the Director of Public Health

**CONTRACTS FOR ADVISORY SERVICES IN GP PRACTICES
(Health and Communities)**

1. Purpose of the report:

To seek Cabinet approval to extend the existing contracts for advisory services in GP practices for a further period of 12 months duration.

2. Information and analysis:

At the meeting on 21 January 2014, Cabinet approved the award of a contract for the delivery of advisory services in GP practices to the four Derbyshire Citizens Advice Bureaux (CAB). The contract was tendered for 2 years, from 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2016, with the option of two further extensions of one year's duration (up to 31 March 2018 at the latest), subject to evaluation and funding.

The Cabinet report on 21 January 2014 did not seek approval for the award of the contract beyond the initial 2 year period. Therefore, Cabinet approval is required for a further extension of one year's duration.

At the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities on 9 September 2014, an overview of performance of this contract was received. The four Derbyshire CAB continue to perform well and are exceeding expectations detailed within the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs). For example, outcomes for 2014/15 exceeded their target client number by 37%. Other outcomes include:

- Help and advice given to 7,778 patients or families
- Advice given on 30,779 problems
- Additional income of £12,241,315 secured for patients and families
- Debts of £5,690,010 rescheduled or written off.

3. Financial considerations:

The current value of this contract is £864,496 per year.

4. Other considerations:

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

5. Legal considerations

The procurement exercise for advisory services in GP Practices was undertaken on the basis that the contracts could be awarded for an initial period of 2 years with the option for the Council to extend the contracts for 2 further periods of 12 months.

6. Background papers:

Cabinet Meeting: 'Contract for an Advisory Service in GP Practices 2014-16 (21 January 2014)

Meeting with Cabinet Member, Health and Communities: 'Citizens Advice in GP Practices summary of outcomes 2013/14' (9 September 2014)

7. Key Decision:

Yes

8. Call-in:

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

9. Officer's recommendation:

That Cabinet approval is given to extend the existing contracts for advisory services in GP practices for a further period of 12 months duration up to 31 March 2017.

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