

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET

26 May 2015

Report of the Strategic Director, Health and Communities

**DERBYSHIRE PRISONS PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT 2013-2016
(Health and Communities)**

1. Purpose of the report:

To advise Cabinet of the current arrangements in place (until 31 March 2016) for the delivery of integrated substance misuse services for adults into the two Derbyshire prisons.

2. Information and analysis:

Derbyshire County Council and NHS England entered into arrangements within the Derbyshire Prisons Partnership Agreement, in 2013, for the provision of integrated substance misuse services for adults in the custodial settings of HMP Foston Hall and HMP Sudbury. The service is funded by Department of Health budgets pursuant to section 256 of the National Health Service Act 2006.

Derbyshire County Council, through the Public Health Substance Misuse Commissioning Team, acts as an agent on behalf of NHS England Area Team to manage the Agreement. The current provider of these services is Phoenix Futures who are required to provide the services effectively and efficiently in close proximity with clinical services delivered by Healthcare, Derbyshire Healthcare United (DHU)).

The Agreement is managed through quarterly meetings, chaired by the Public Health Substance Misuse Commissioning Manager, and involves the NHS England Commissioning Manager, Phoenix Futures and DHU managers, Public Health England prison leads and the governors of HMP Sudbury and HMP Foston Hall all of whom identify and deliver actions to provide an effective service in a rapidly changing environment.

During 2014-15, the Agreement has allowed Phoenix Futures to consider, introduce or address the following issues within the two Derbyshire prisons:

- Delivery of one to one work and groupwork

- Provision of Dry Blood Spot testing to identify prisoners with HIV, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C
- Identification of the extent of the use of New Psychoactive Substances (often referred to as 'Legal Highs')
- Identification of the extent of Steroid use (particularly in HMP Sudbury)
- Liaison with Healthcare to share information for a 'joined-up' service
- Training of peer mentors to support prisoners with substance misuse issues
- Access to recovery facilities both inside the prisons and out into local communities

The service in Derbyshire prisons will be re-commissioned by the NHS England Area Team in 2015 in line with the NHS England Specification pack for the tender of Healthcare services in order to establish an integrated substance misuse service in both Derbyshire prisons to commence in 2016. The Derbyshire Public Health Substance Misuse Commissioning Manager will continue to be involved in this process

3. Financial considerations:

The NHS England Area Team receives funding for substance misuse services in prisons in England as part of an annual allocation from the Department of Health (DoH). The Area Team devolves the DoH funding to Derbyshire County Council for the term of the Agreement (2013-2016) which, in relation to HMP Sudbury and HMP Foston Hall has an annual value of:

2013-14	£699,000
2014-15	£699,000
2015-16	To be confirmed

This funding is allocated to Phoenix Futures on a quarterly basis and the quarterly performance review meetings are chaired by the DCC Public Health substance misuse Commissioning Manager to ensure that delivery is achieved by Phoenix Futures.

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:

None

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 notes the current arrangement for the provision of integrated substance misuse services in Derbyshire prisons.

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