

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET

04 November 2014

Report of the Director of Public Health

**SUBSTANCE MISUSE (DRUGS) ADULT TREATMENT CONTRACT
EXTENSION
(HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES)**

1. Purpose of the report:

To seek approval, under Protocol 10 of Financial Regulations, to extend the Substance Misuse (drugs) adult treatment contract currently provided by Derbyshire Healthcare Foundation Trust for one year to 31 March 2016.

2. Information and analysis:

The contract for delivering the Substance Misuse (drugs) adult treatment contract commenced on 01 April 2012 for an initial three year period with the option available to extend for one year plus one year, taking the total period of the contract to a potential five years to the end of March 2017.

The Public Health teams for substance misuse (drugs and alcohol) covering both adult and young people's services have been working towards an April 2017 re-procurement date for all treatment services. This would allow for the option of an integrated service contract if it is determined that this is the most efficient use of resources and would produce the highest quality of service delivery.

Following a presentation of the improving performance data for the Substance Misuse (drugs) adult contract at a meeting of the Derbyshire Substance Misuse Strategic Commissioning Group on 29 February 2014, there was unanimous agreement that the service was suitable for extension for a further year to 31 March 2016, with the expectation that the final additional year would be awarded if performance continued to be measured at expected levels. Any re-procurement of the Substance Misuse (drugs) adult treatment contract at this stage would be destabilising for both the service and clients, and evidence suggests that frequent contract changes often result in an albeit temporary reduction in quality and performance.

The annual value of the contract (excluding an annual award from the Police and Crime Commissioner for the criminal justice elements of the contract) from the Authority is £4.1million.

3. Other considerations:

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

4. Background papers:

None

5. Key Decision:

Yes

6. Call-in:

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

No

7. Officer's Recommendations:

That Cabinet approve the contract extension for a further year to 31 March 2016.

That Cabinet notes the intention to bring a further report and recommendation for approval within 12 months regarding the potential final year's extension to 31 March 2017 dependent on provider performance.

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