

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
HEALTH IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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Report of the Director of Public Health

**AWARD OF THE DERBYSHIRE INTEGRATED SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICE
(Health and Communities)**

1. Purpose of the Report

To inform the Health Improvement and Scrutiny Committee of the award of the contract for the delivery of the Derbyshire Integrated Sexual Health Service and associated service developments.

2 Information and Background

The re-procurement of sexual health services for Derbyshire County is complete. The contract for the delivery of the Derbyshire Integrated Sexual Health Service has been awarded to Derbyshire Community Health Services Foundation Trust (DCHSFT). The service will commence 1 April 2015, and mobilisation from the current service delivery model to the new integrated service model will take place from now until service commencement. The service aims to reduce sexual health inequalities by providing an equitable service across the County to all Derbyshire residents, facilitating prompt access in line with need.

2.1 Service model

The Integrated Sexual Health Service is based on a primary contractor model. DCHSFT is the primary contractor and will deliver and also subcontract elements of the service from Chesterfield Royal Hospital Foundation Trust (CFRHFT), Stockport Hospital Foundation Trust, General Practice, Community Pharmacies and the Voluntary Sector.

The service model is based on County-wide delivery of level 1 and 2 (universal and enhanced) Contraception and STI Testing and Treatment (including Chlamydia screening), Sexual Health Promotion and Condom Distribution (including C-Card). Level 3 (Specialist) Contraception and STI Testing and Treatment services will be more targeted in accordance with need. Services will be delivered through a Hub and Spoke model.

There will be one hub located at Wheatbridge in Chesterfield, with several super spokes and spokes located across the County. Super

spokes will be developed in line with need to increase countywide access to Level 3 services. Consideration has been given as part of the tender to the location of the hub, super spokes and spokes, in order for Derbyshire residents to have ease of access to a good-quality, person centred, responsive and confidential service.

Sexual health service provision will maintain or increase across the County. Derbyshire residents should therefore expect current services to continue or increase and become more accessible. To increase accessibility to level 3 STI Testing and Treatment services it is proposed the GUM clinic currently located at Calow in CRHFT is fully integrated within the hub at Wheatbridge. All Sexual Health Services currently provided within CRHFT (including HIV treatment and care commissioned by NHS England, not Derbyshire County Council) will therefore move from CRHFT to Wheatbridge for commencement of the new service on 1 April 2015.

The hub at Wheatbridge has a separate confidential waiting room and will be accessible 6 days a week operating from 8:30am to 8:00pm during the week and 1:30pm to 3:30pm on a Saturday. There will be a combination of bookable and drop in appointments.

This service development is a positive move for local residents, fully supported by management and clinicians within CRHFT, and will result in the following:

- Extended opening hours
- Level 3 STI testing and treatment services located on public transport routes
- Increased accessibility to young people at a convenient, central location
- Free parking with reserved car parking spaces for the disabled
- Wheelchair access to the building and all areas of the building accessible by lifts
- Increased anonymity as the Hub will provide a range of sexual health service
- Continuity of care and staff.

A consultation process will be undertaken with service users at CRHFT to inform them of the move to Wheatbridge which will include:

- Reassurance that the service currently provided by CRHFT will not be affected other than being relocated to Wheatbridge
- The opportunity for all service users within CRHFT GUM clinics to offer feedback that will inform the mobilisation of the clinic relocation
- Posters displaying information
- Trust wide communication strategy via the trust website.

Care will be taken to ensure pathways support HIV treatment and care service provision at Wheatbridge, with a rapid access pathway being established for service users with a positive HIV diagnosis.

A robust system to manage service mobilisation is in place with an underpinning implementation and communication plan. DCC as the commissioner meet weekly with DCHSFT and other subcontracted providers including CRHFT. All partners will work collaboratively to ensure a secure, effective and efficient transition to minimise any disruption to service users.

4. Considerations

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

5. Background Papers

Ref 1: Re-procurement of the Derbyshire Integrated Sexual Health Service

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6. Officer Recommendations

That the Committee receives and notes the proposed service development following contract award of the Derbyshire Integrated Sexual Health Service.

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