

Integrated Commissioning Committee (Committees in Common)

22nd June, 2020

PRESENT:-

Dr. D. Roper, GP Board Member (Chair for this meeting)
Dr. A. Oehring, GP Board Member
Mrs. K. Marshall, Lay Member

IN ATTENDANCE:-

Councillor Gwen Lunn, Portfolio Holder for Adult Services and Public Health, Hull City Council Integrated Commissioning Executive Sub-Committee
Councillor J. Black, Portfolio Holder for Housing, Hull City Council Integrated Commissioning Executive Sub-Committee
Councillor P. Clark, Portfolio Holder for Learning, Skills and Safeguarding Children
D. Bell, Director of Finance and Transformation (HCC)
J. Dodson, Director of Integrated Commissioning (CCG)
I. Anderson, Director of Legal Services and Partnerships (HCC)
S. Laverack, Legal Services, Community Team Leader (HCC)
A. Barker, Statutory Director of Adult Social Care (HCC)
H. Christmas, Consultant (HCC)
L. Scholes, Senior Democratic Services Officer (HCC)

APOLOGIES:-

None.

Minute No.	Description/Decision	Action By/ Deadline
17.	<p>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</p> <p>No declarations of interest were made in respect of the items that follow below.</p>	
18.	<p>MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 26th FEBRUARY 2020</p> <p>Members of the sub-committees discussed the report due back for consideration on the Mental Health contract. The officer confirmed that this had been delayed and would be discussed with the Chairs of the sub-committees to be submitted in future.</p> <p>Agreed – that, the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 26th February, 2020, be taken as read and correctly recorded and be signed by the Chair.</p>	

19.

RE-COMMISSIONING OF SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 0 – 19

The Director of Public Health and Adult Social Care and the Director of Children and Family Services submitted a report which set out the framework for the for the development of a system wide approach to the commissioning of services for children, and secondly sought approval for the Council's strategy for the procurement of services relating to children which currently need to be re-procured in a manner that complements the system wide approach, while taking into account that the Council budgets for these services would be significantly reduced from April 2021 as the current grant funding for Headstart expired at that time.

The officer introduced the report highlighting that this brought together streams of activity across both organisations with the intention to design services in a more cohesive way which was better for the users and improved outcomes for children and young people. These activities were funded by Public Health, Children's services and schools. Following a change of Government the funding that had been ringfenced for these activities was no longer ringfenced and was included in the Council's wider budget and that budget was reduced, following the Public Health money becoming available there was a recasting of the arrangement. It was recognised that maintaining support for children in the pre-school stage was of importance. Children Centre provision was redesigned but continued to be supported by Public Health and Children's Services. The obligations of the original Government grant expire in 2025 there is an expectation that services continue to be supported until then. Procurement of that service is restricted to existing providers as they own the buildings they operate from so the intention is to publish a VEAT notice which provides public notice of an intention to award a contract not strictly in accordance with the EU procurement requirements allowing any challenge to be raised. Within the procurement process there would be review of the opportunities to integrate service delivery. Due to COVID there is a recognition that the review may require an extension of the 0 – 19 service as agencies involved in the process were currently under significant pressure. However, the intention is to initiate the process and engage with the suppliers through a Prior Information Notice which will identified those interested in delivering the service. The Headstart contract expires in 2021, the only funded service that the Council commission is from the youth counselling budget. Details of how service provision is intended to be continued was included in the report, some of these may impact on how other contracts were delivered. There would need to be reflection of this in the Better Care Plan when it is submitted for consideration in February 2021.

The comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee when this matter was considered, were submitted for consideration, and were detailed at minute 21.

Members of the Sub Committees discussed the numbers of users

and volunteers of the Breastfeeding Peer Support and Doula service as well as the dental health requirements of youngsters with special needs. The officer explained that the Breastfeeding Peer Support and Doula service were in the scope for the integrated commissioning review which would look at outcomes for all services which are commissioning and looking at how they could be enhanced. The Doula service were very successful in lots of different ways. Looked After Children and children with disabilities were included in the services for dental health.

Members of the Sub Committees also discussed the aim to continue to provide some of the services that used the Headstart funding. The officer explained that this was the reframing of how the services would be provided moving forward working with schools. The intention is for the majority of services will be maintained internally where existing resources can be reprofiled, where external services were commissioned the organisation was looking to work with schools to continue. Some of the services will be reorganised, the Council does not have extra money so it has to be redesigned. However there is a 'Thrive' partnership with the CCG and if the organisations worked together to redesign service provision it was anticipated a positive way forward could be delivered. This report is seeking approval to start that process. Members also commented on the need to consider the impact of the pandemic on the mental health of children and young people.

Members of the Sub Committees queried whether schools had prioritised children's emotional health and wellbeing and if they have the funds to deal with. Schools may have different priorities and queried whether they were signed up to this. The officer explained that schools are signed up to the approach, there is the commitment to deliver it. This exists a Learning Partnership with schools who were working alongside other partners. Schools do recognise the importance of children's mental wellbeing, and it will not just be for schools to provide and fund on their own.

Discussion also took place on the level of the quality and hoped that it not deteriorate as a result of this. For schools there would be a massive catch up effort as a result of the pandemic, so how they would be supported to deliver this needed to be considered.

Hull had been successful in obtaining funding for mental health support teams in schools, this would involve a number of professionals being trained. It will start in 2021 but training is due to start in the autumn. The Hull bid had been successful, previously the joint Hull and East Riding bid had not been successful.

Agreed –

Children Centre provision

- (a) To authorise the issue of a Voluntary Ex Ante Transparency (VEAT) Notice, and absent legal challenge, for the specification for the contract for Children's Centre provision in the former Newland, Bricknell, Avenues, Myton,

(a-k) Director of Legal Services and Partnerships/

	<p>Southcoates East, Holderness, Newington and St Andrews wards be negotiated directly with the three VCS providers, Goodwin, Pickering and Newington Development Association (PANDA) and Child Dynamix.</p> <p>(b) To provide delegated authority to the Director of Legal Services and Partnerships, acting in conjunction with the Interim Director of Children & Family Services to award contracts following completion of the negotiated procurement process.</p> <p>0 – 19 Public Health Provision and Oral Health</p> <p>(c) To approve the issue of a Prior Information Notice (PIN) for the tender of public health for 0 – 19 year olds for a period of up to 5 years (a 3 year initial period with provision for two extensions of 1 year each) , restricting the subsequent competition to those who respond to the notice.</p> <p>(d) That the specification for in-house delivery of children centre provision for the period March 2021 to March 2025 be developed in tandem with the development of the specification(s) for tender to those responding to the PIN.</p> <p>(e) To authorise the tender of public health services for those aged 0 – 19 years through lots which include provision for a public health nursing service, doula and breastfeeding peer support, and oral health promotion.</p> <p>Headstart (10 – 16 years provision)</p> <p>(f) To note that funding for Headstart will expire in 2021 and that, with the exception of family and parenting support, on-going provision will primarily be met through the redesign of in-house services and the recommissioning of services through Multi-Academy Trusts.</p> <p>(g) To note that that the re-commissioning of family, parenting, counselling and wider mental health services through the Thrive integrated health and social care group will inform the future arrangements.</p> <p>10-19 Counselling provision</p> <p>(h) To approve the re-commissioning of the 10-16 Youth Counselling Service subject to identifying funding presently with effect from April 2021.</p> <p>(i) To approve the re-tendering of the Youth Counselling Service for 17- 19 year olds applying the available Council budget of £80k/annum to that purpose.</p> <p>(j) To request that the Health and Wellbeing Board requests the provision of information from NHS England in the development of the specification for Child Health Information System provision and GP Checks for 0 – 5 year olds to support the development of the specification for tender.</p>	<p>Director of Children & Family Services/ Director of Public Health and Adult Social Care</p>
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(k) To provide delegated authority to award the contract for delivery of the services to the Director of Legal Services and Partnerships acting in conjunction with the Director of Public Health, with authority to extend the existing Public Health Contract for 0 – 19 Public Health Services for a maximum period of 1 year, recognising that the impact of the exceptional uncertainties arising from the Covid-19 pandemic.

Reasons for Recommendations

- To ensure that commissioning of services for children and young people in the age group 0 – 19 across Public Health and Children’s Services is undertaken through an integrated commissioning model
- To ensure that the procurement process adopted enables co-design of the final specification(s) for the services with the anticipated supply chain to establish a sound basis for service delivery
- To ensure that the services are designed together within the available budgets to ensure improved outcomes for children and young people.

20.

ADULT SOCIAL CARE SERVICES DURING COVID 19 CRISIS

The Director of Public Health and Adults submitted a report which sought approval for a pause in the implementation of the plan to re-procure Home Care provision, and reframing of the arrangements put in place with Home Care providers up to 31st July 2020, for a prolonged period, to provide time for the current crisis to be managed to a conclusion, and thereafter, for the services to be reprocured.

The officer introduced the report highlighting that since the beginning of March Adult Social Care had managing a COVID incident team which included mobilising all resources from the Commissioning and Quality teams into a citywide COVID incident management team that had worked 7 days a week since its start. The transition phase plan was emerging and by the end of July the majority of staff were expected to be back in their substantive posts. This would be done taking into account how we support Homecare and residential care would be very different because of COVID. The initial request was for an extension was to enable us to do market engagement, as soon as the resources were in place for this COVID hit. Engagement now needed to take place with providers, people who were supported, families and communities. This engagement needs to take account of how we support Homecare providers in terms of the management of COVID. The transfer of Extra Care support across to the Council’s Supporting Independence team was going to continue with a target of being completed by September.

The comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee when this matter was considered, were submitted for consideration, and were detailed at minute 21.

Members of the Sub Committees discussed how well the incident management team was working. It was common sense to delay this, however it would not be the new norm for everything to be delayed as a result of COVID. The Sub Committees needed to be kept informed on the progress of the co-design of this service.

Moved by Dr. Roper and seconded by Karen Marshall –

- (a) That for the period up to 31st December 2021, the Assistant Director (Adult Social Care) be authorised to commission the required home care capacity on the basis of quarterly blocks of capacity from existing providers, informed by actual service delivery in the preceding quarter.
- (b) That the period of the contract be used to undertake co-design of the long term arrangements for home care provision with a view to creating a rewarding career path, with access to training and development, in conjunction with training providers.
- (c) That a further report be prepared to the Committees in the Spring of 2021 setting out the proposed approach to procurement informed by the outcome of the experience of the response to the pandemic and discussions with home care and training providers.
- (d) That an update report be provided to the Sub-Committees on progress of this in six months.

(a-d) Assistant Director (Adult Social Care)

Motion carried.

Reasons for Recommendations

- The move to the “discharge to assess” model within hospitals has increased the demand for residential care placements and homecare packages necessitating assurance upon continuation of capacity to deliver within the sector.
- The Covid 19 pandemic has also affected the way services are delivered within the Extra Care facilities. The closure of communal areas, including the dining areas, along with a number of tenants requiring additional assistance to maintain appropriate social distancing and self-isolating, has resulted in a requirement for greater individual care and support to be provided. This requires the care provider in these settings to increase the number of staff on site in order to maintain tenants’ safety and wellbeing.
- The Covid 19 pandemic continues to place significant pressure on the health and social care system and it is likely

	<p>that the pandemic will continue for many months. To ensure confidence upon the continuation of service delivery it is necessary to provide assurance to the Home Care sector upon the commissioning arrangements that will be in place over the period of the pandemic, and to provide sufficient time thereafter for the required services to be re-procured applying a co-ordinated approach.</p>	
21.	<p>COMMENTS OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS</p> <p>The Senior Democratic Services Officer submitted comments in relation to minutes 19-20 from the Council's committees and scrutiny commissions that had considered the reports following the circulation of the agenda for this meeting.</p> <p>Agreed – That the comments be noted.</p>	

Start: 1.00 p.m.
Finish 1.45 p.m.

The above Executive Decisions will come into force and may be implemented on expiry of five working days after the publication of the decisions i.e., 2nd July, 2020, unless called in by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee.

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