



**Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for  
Public Health & the Voluntary Sector  
Wednesday, 25 June 2014**

**ADDENDA**

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## DELEGATED DECISIONS BY CABINET MEMBER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH & THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR – 25 JUNE 2014

### ITEM 2 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Questions received from the following Member:

From Councillor Glynis Phillips to Cabinet Member

#### Item 4 – Provision of Adult Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services

##### Question

Is there more information available about how a 'prime provider' contract would work? For example would they subcontract services themselves so that if a secondary provider failed to meet targets the prime provider could tender for another secondary provider possibly for less money? and how would the specifications be different from the current NHS contract?

##### Answer

The Prime Provider may sub contract elements of the contract, they will outline this within the tender process. The Council will retain the right to agree subcontracting arrangements, which will include provider suitability and viability checks and any alterations to their sub-contracting arrangement.

The Current Contracts are with both the NHS and the Voluntary sector providers. The difference from the current specification is for one integrated service, which following our consultations need to:

- Improve information and advice to families
- Provide better support for families
- Improve services for people with complex needs,
- Have a better range of service delivered across the county
- Have access to education training and employment
- Ensure service users are supported to access mutual aid.

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#### Item 5 – Smoking Cessation Programme

##### Question

The statistic that two-thirds of smoking adults become addicted before they are 18 years old is troubling. There is the issue of where the adolescents are getting cigarettes given the restrictions on sales and whether multi-agency work in this area is effective or has a high enough profile? Is there a specific target for quitters under the age of 18?

Answer

Where are adolescents getting cigarettes given the restrictions on sales?

Tobacco may be available from:

- Parents/adults who smoke
- Shops who are not adhering to Trading Standards enforcement or
- Other sources such as the internet/local community/black market. These areas are enforced by HMRC (and Trading Standards if not properly packaged).

Multi-agency work in this area

- The Oxfordshire Tobacco Alliance includes representatives from Trading Standards, who have links with HMRC.
- The Oxfordshire Smoking Advice Service campaign advocating for Smoke Free Cars and Homes may reduce access to tobacco products by adolescents at home. This campaign is promoted to Health Visitors and other stakeholders.

There is currently no target for under 18 year quitters.

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