

CABINET MEMBER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH & THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR - 14 May 2014

PROVISION OF LOCAL RESIDENTIAL DETOXIFICATION PROJECT (HOWARD HOUSE)

Report by the Director of Public Health

Introduction

1. The current contract for the provision of Howard House ceases on the 30 September 2014. This provision was originally commissioned by Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust, under an NHS contract. This contract was novated to Oxfordshire County Council when local authorities took over responsibility for Public Health in April 2013. Therefore this contract will be new to Oxfordshire County Council.
2. In order to guarantee continuation of these services Oxfordshire County Council will need to put in place a contract to commence on 1 October 2014.
3. The Local Residential Project is a Tier 4 specialist residential detoxification service providing an intensive treatment programme for complex and entrenched addiction that combines medically assisted detoxification and evidenced based psychosocial individual and group interventions. The service offers a programme for a maximum of 12 weeks with flexibility for intensive shorter stay, assisted detoxification programmes of 4 to 8 weeks for those who are assessed as suitable.

The project provides a residential service for 10 people with a flexible programme of therapeutic interventions, medical treatment interventions and activities, to meet the support needs and goals identified with the service user during the assessment and the care planning process.

4. The service is made up of a team of specialist drug and alcohol workers delivering psychosocial structured interventions via one to ones and group work and medical professionals delivering the clinical elements of the service.
5. The current service is situated at 190 Iffley Road, Oxford. The facility is let from a private landlord by property management agents and registered social landlords, St Mungo's. From 1st October 2014 Oxfordshire County Council will enter into a Housing Management Agreement with St Mungo's that will be conterminous with the service contract.

6. The service will contribute significantly to the indicators for Public Health and substance misuse for Oxfordshire which include the following:-
 1. The number of successful completions as a percentage of the total number of people in treatment,
 2. The percentage of people who successfully completed treatment in the first 6 months of the latest 12 month period and who do not re-presented within 6 months,
 3. The proportion of all those in treatment, who successfully completed treatment, and did not re-present within 6 months.
7. Options for service delivery were considered by the Public Health Directorate Leadership team in February and the preferred option was to go out to tender with the same current service structure at the same premises with the inclusion of 195 Iffley Road as a possible optional service included within the procurement.
8. The service will be commissioned and contract managed by the Public Health Drugs and Alcohol team.
9. Oxfordshire County Council procurement process will be followed to commission this service.

Exempt Information: N/A

Legal Implications

10. The Council has a statutory obligation to “take such steps as it considers appropriate for improving the health of the people in its area” (s2B National Health Service Act 2006 (“NHS Act 2006”) as amended by s12 Health and Social Care Act 2012). This includes “providing services or facilities for the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of illness” (s 2B (3) (c) NHS Act 2006).

Financial and Staff Implications

11. Public Health has a ring fenced budget which is approximately £25 million per year.
12. Money is already committed to paying for substance misuse services for adults.
13. The maximum budget per annum would be £400,000. It is proposed that the contract term will be for 2 years with an option to extend for one year plus one year. This means that the contact value over the total of 4 years would be £1,600,000

RECOMMENDATION

- 14. The Cabinet member for Public Health & the Voluntary Sector is RECOMMENDED to approve the incurring of expenditure for the commissioning of Local Residential Detoxification Project (Howard House) and to delegate to the Director of Public Health, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Public Health & the Voluntary Sector, the authority to determine tenders and contracts in order to secure the provision of services.**

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Background Papers: None

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