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To: Adult Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee
26th September 2014

Subject: Tendering for Postural Stability Classes

Decision No: 14/00110

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary

In July 2014, the committee endorsed plans to commissioning a series of postural stability classes in Kent. Since July, Public Health has started the procurement process by advertising the Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) for public health services.

Recommendation

The Adult Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee is asked to comment and either endorse or make recommendations to the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health on the proposed decision to award contract/s to those bidders who receive the highest scores in the tender evaluation process.

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The purpose of this paper is to provide an update on the procurement process for postural stability classes in Kent to reduce risk of falls among older people across the county.

2. Background

- 2.1. In July 2014, Public Health presented a proposal to the Adult Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee to commission a programme of evidence-based 36-week postural stability classes to support delivery of an improved falls prevention framework across the county. The committee endorsed the proposed service model and commissioning approach.

3. Procurement

- 3.1. Since the last committee meeting, Public Health has established the Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) described in the July paper.
- 3.2. The deadline for submission of indicative tenders (the first stage of the application process) is 30th September 2014. Organisations that are successful in joining the DPS will be invited to tender for a two-year contract to run classes in particular areas in October, with contract awards expected in November 2014. The new classes will begin to operate from January 2015, following a period of mobilisation.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1. Public Health has set an indicative budget of £453k per annum for provision of postural stability classes across Kent up to 2017/18.
- 4.2. The flexibility of the DPS will mean that additional classes can be commissioned relatively quickly with additional capacity commissioned at a later date to meet local Better Care Fund objectives if further funding is assigned to the programme.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1. Following the committee's endorsement of the proposed service model and procurement approach for postural stability classes in Kent, Public Health have begun the procurement process and expect to award contracts in November 2014.
- 5.2. Due to the timing of the process and the committee publication dates, it was not possible to include a list of providers who have expressed an interest in the service as part of an exempt report. This will instead be provided to members of the committee during the closed part of the meeting on 26th September.

6. Recommendations

- 6.1 The Adult Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee is asked to comment and either endorse or make recommendations to the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health on the proposed decision to award contract/s to those bidders who receive the highest scores in the tender evaluation process.

Background documents

None

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