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To: Graham Gibbens
Cabinet Member, Adult Social Care and Health

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Subject: East Kent Sexual Health services – interim contract extension

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary

The contract award for community sexual health services for East Kent has required an extended period of tender clarification with the successful service provider.

This has required an extension of the existing contract with Kent Community Health Trust (KCHT) for four months to allow more time for transition to the new service.

The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health is asked to take the decision that Kent County Council extends the existing contract for sexual health services in East Kent until 31st July 2015.

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The purpose of this paper is to ask the Cabinet Member to take a key decision to extend the existing contract for community sexual health services in East Kent for three months until 31st July 2015.
- 1.2. The need for the extension is a result of negotiations in the post-tender clarification process in relation to the new contract for the service.

2. Background

- 2.1. On 4th December 2014, the Adult Social Care and Health Cabinet committee endorsed the proposal to award new contracts for community sexual health services. Since the decision was taken, the contract for West and North Kent has been awarded to Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells Trust (MTW) and is due to start operating as planned on 1st April 2015.
- 2.2. The contract award for East Kent has been delayed because of a number of outstanding issues. These outstanding issues have now been resolved following an extended period of tender clarification and legal advice.

3. Contract extension

- 3.1. Public Health have reached an agreement which will require an extension of the existing contract with KCHT until 31st July 2015 to allow a managed transition to the new service.
- 3.2. Financial Implications: Up to £1,509,819 over three month contract period.
- 3.3. Legal Implications: The contract extension will enable a managed transition to a new services that has been awarded following a competitive tendering process conducted in line with relevant procurement regulations.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1. Public Health is seeking to extend the existing contract for sexual health services in East Kent until 31st July 2015. The delays in the award process for the new contract and the extent of change management needed in East Kent means that it will not be possible for the new contract to start until 1st August 2015.
- 4.2. The new contract will deliver significant efficiency savings and represents good value for money for KCC. Public Health therefore considers that the proposed contract extension represents the most favourable solution for KCC.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1. The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health is asked to take the decision that Kent County Council extends the existing contract for sexual health services in East Kent until 31st July 2015.

Background documents

None

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