

APPENDIX 1

Extract of Executive Board and Executive Board Sub Committee Minutes Relevant to the Health Policy and Performance Board

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 2 DECEMBER 2010

EXB67 SERVICE INSPECTION OF ADULT SOCIAL CARE - SEPTEMBER 2010- PRESENTATION

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director, Adults and Community which provided details of the outcome of the Service Inspection of Adult Social Care which had been carried out by the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

The Board were reminded that the CQC was an independent regulator of health and social care in England and regulated care provided by the NHS, local authorities, private companies and voluntary organisations. The report covered the background and methodology to inspection.

The Board received a presentation from Sue Talbot, CQC Lead Inspector. It was noted that CQC judged performance of Councils using four grades. The CQC concluded that Halton was performing excellently in delivering adult social care in 'safeguarding adults' and 'supporting increased choice and control for older people' and was performing well in 'supporting improved health and wellbeing of older people'. In addition, CQC rated Halton's capacity to improve its performance as excellent.

The Chairman wished to place on record his thanks to Sue Talbot and her team, and the Executive Board Members and staff involved in helping to deliver an excellent outcome for the Adult Social Care service.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the presentation from Susan Talbot, CQC Lead Inspector be received; and
- (2) the contents of the report and associated appendices be noted and agreed

EXECUTIVE BOARD SUB COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18 NOVEMBER 2010

ES49 SIX MONTH EXTENSION TO CURRENT DRUG SERVICE CONTRACTS

In March 2010 the Sub-Committee delegated authority to the Operational Director Culture and Leisure Services to extend the contracts of ARCH Initiatives, Trust the Process Counselling and Addaction for one year until March 2011. It was anticipated that an open tendering process would have been undertaken during 2010/11 with the outcome of awarding a single contract to one provider of drug services from April 2011.

In July 2010 the Executive Board agreed proposals to establish a multi-area approach to the commissioning of alcohol and substance misuse services with St. Helens Council. However, since then there had been a number of significant national developments that had caused a review of this decision. The abolition of Primary Care Trusts, the rising emphasis on localism and the uncertainty over future levels of funding meant that a rapid appraisal of potential options needed to be undertaken. Consequently, the time left following the completion of this urgent review would be insufficient to undertake a tender process and to award contracts commencing on 1st April 2011.

Therefore, to prevent any gaps in service provision it was necessary to extend the current contract for a further 6 months allowing the Local Authority and partners to develop a service specification that reflected the changed national policy and structures. An open tendering exercise would be undertaken with a new service in place on 1st September 2011. The Council, in partnership with Halton and St. Helens PCT would lead on an open competitive tendering process in 2011.

RESOLVED: That:

- (1) It is recommended that the Operational Director (Prevention and Commissioning) be authorised to award the following existing contracts direct and without tendering –
 - (a) Open Access to the contractor ARCH initiatives in the sum of £86,000;
 - (b) Drug Intervention Programme and Outreach services to the contractor AddAction in the sum of £150,000;
 - (c) Abstinence and Recovery Service services to the contractor Trust the Process Counselling in the sum of £100,000; and
 - (d) Community Prescribing Services to the contractor 5 Boroughs Partnership NHS Foundation Trust in sum of £212,000;
- (2) the contract extensions be for a period up to 1st April 2011 to 31st August 2011; and

- (3) in the light of the exceptional circumstances that Procurement Standing Orders be waived for purposes of Standing Order 1.8.2, namely that emerging national policies relating to the changes in structure of the NHS and the National Treatment Agency necessitate reappraisal of future service provision options.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD SUB COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 2
DECEMBER 2010**

ES51 SECTION 75 AGREEMENT BEST INTEREST ASSESSORS

The Sub-Committee received a report of the Strategic Director, Adults and Community which outlined the role and function of Best Interests Assessors under the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards. The report put forward a proposed agreement for the delivery of this service across Halton, St. Helens Borough Council and NHS Halton and St. Helens (the PCT) under Section 75 National Health Service Act 2006. The agreement put in place a clear structure for the delivery of the BIA function across the organisations, with fully identified governance, accountability and reporting arrangements.

RESOLVED: That approval be given to the proposal to enter into an agreement for the delivery of Best Interest Assessors across Halton, St. Helens Borough Council and the PCT.