

Adult Social Care Community Health Services

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This report relates to a decision that is Key

Purpose of this report

1. To authorise the Director of Social Care, Health and Housing, in consultation with the Executive Member for Social Care and Housing to award the adult social care element of the Community Health Services contract that is currently managed through a Section 75 Agreement with Bedfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group to the winning bidder of the joint procurement currently being carried out with Bedfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group and Bedford Borough Council.
2. To authorise the Director of Social Care Health and Housing to be able to incorporate additional adult social care services into the new Community Health Services contract to the extent permitted and as deemed appropriate during the lifetime of that contract.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive is recommended to:

1. **authorise the Director of Social Care, Health and Housing, in consultation with the Executive Member for Social Care and Housing to award the adult social care element of the Community Health Services contract that is currently managed through a Section 75 Agreement with Bedfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group to the winning bidder of the joint procurement currently being carried out with Bedfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group and Bedford Borough Council; and**
2. **authorise the Director of Social Care, Health and Housing, in consultation with the Executive Member for Social Care and Housing to be able to incorporate additional adult social care services to the extent permitted and as deemed appropriate into the new Community Health Services contract during the lifetime of that contract.**

Overview and Scrutiny Comments/Recommendations

3. The key decision is one for the Executive and therefore this report has not been considered by the Social Care Health and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Issues

4. The Executive considered a report 2 August 2016 '*Healthy Child Programme Contract and wider community health services: Authorisation to Proceed with Procurement*' that set out the proposed commissioning arrangements for the procurement of a Community Health Services Contract for children and young people which includes the Healthy Child Programme. This report also made reference to the proposed commissioning arrangements for the procurement of Community Health Services for Adults associated with Bedfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (BCCG). A copy of the report 2 August is attached as Appendix A.
5. The commissioning of both Children's and Adult's Community Health Services is being undertaken jointly with the BCCG, Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) and Bedford Borough Council (BBC). The procurement process is now well underway having started in September 2016, BCCG is the lead commissioner, with the majority of services being a health responsibility. The detailed governance arrangements and structure supporting the joint commissioning arrangements and procurement process is supported by a Memorandum of Understanding signed by the three parties.
6. This report refers specifically to Adults services within scope of the Community Health Services specification. The services included are:
 - Intermediate Nursing and Primary Care Home – Intermediate Care Beds (incl: Community Geriatrician), Rehabilitation and Reablement, Rapid Intervention, Stroke Early Supported Discharge, Acquired Brain Injury, Discharge Planning, PEPS service (palliative support), Local Authority commissioned Intermediate Care and Rapid Intervention, Local Authority commissioned Reablement.
 - Community Nursing and Proactive Case Management – Multi Disciplinary Team, Community Matron, Community Nursing, Continence service, Specialist Palliative Nursing, Palliative Care Services, Tissue Viability team, Complex Care team.
 - Specialist Services – Chronic Fatigue service, Heart Failure, Adult Nutrition and Dietetics, Specialist Neurological nurse Service, Continence, Cancer and Palliative Care Psychology Service.

7. The Adult Social Care Services subject to the Section 75 Agreement are the Central Bedfordshire Council contribution to the commissioned Intermediate Care and Rehabilitation services. The annual value of these services is £550,000 per annum. The current provider is Essex Partnership University Trust (EPUT).
8. As set out in the previous report, Appendix A, (paragraphs 14,15, 17, 20, 26) a significant amount of preparatory pre procurement work has been undertaken by all parties concerned (BCCG, CBC and BBC).The current contract was extended to 31 March 2018 to allow this to take place and also to enable transformation of existing services to start pre award of the new contract and subsequent mobilisation. The contract term for the new contract will be for 5 years with an option to extend for up to a further 24 months.
9. The services being tendered qualify for the light touch regime which although require advertising and a transparent process ensuring equal treatment does not require full compliance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. The procurement process being undertaken follows the 'Competitive Dialogue' structure that enables dialogues and engagement with the prospective providers (bidders). The aim of this is to achieve integration, innovation and the provision of services that are providing people with the right care in the right place at the right time, first time, by staff with the competencies and skills to meet the needs of the local population which complement and works together with acute care services (A&E Hospitals). The specification sets out the local context and the specific and different needs of Central Bedfordshire and Bedford Borough populations with the clear expectation that providers will focus on local needs. It also sets out the strategic context of the Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP). The contract is outcome based, that has been developed with stakeholders and the 4 high level outcomes developed , defined as 'I' statements :
 - I want access to the best quality care available in order to live as I choose and as independent a life as possible
 - I want to be helped by a person who co-ordinates my care and is supported by a team with the specialist knowledge to understand my health and social care needs
 - I want to be actively involved in decisions about my care and enabled to make informed choices that meet my goals
 - I want good clinical outcomes
10. The overall procurement time line is from September 2016 to November 2017 with contract award in November 2017, followed by mobilisation and formal contract start date 1st April 2018. A summary time line is set out below. Evaluation of detailed submissions from the providers who have been successful to this stage at the time of writing is underway.
 - Pre Qualification Questionnaire process: Jan - Feb 2017
 - Invitation to Participative Dialogue (ITPD) process: Mar - Apr 2017

- Completion of Provider Engagement events: May 2017
- Invitation to Competitive Dialogue (ITCD) process: Jul 2017
- Evaluation of detailed submissions: Sep - Oct 2017
- Outcome of evaluation of submissions advised: beg Nov - 2017
- Standstill period 10 days: mid Nov 2017
- Formal award of contract: mid Nov 2017
- Contract start: Apr 2018

Reason/s for decision

11. Due to the value of the Adults Social Care funding included within the Community Health Services contract and contained within the s.75 Agreement, Executive approval is required.

Council Priorities

12. The delivery of outcome based Community Health Services for adults within Central Bedfordshire will contribute to the Council priority of protecting the vulnerable and improving wellbeing.

Corporate Implications

Legal Implications

13. The Procurement of the Community Health Services contract is being undertaken in line with the appropriate legislation and in line with NHS England guidance, the process is also being supported by LGSS Law and procurement colleagues and procurement colleagues from BCCG, CBC and BBC. The process is also being supported with procurement advice by Attain, the Procurement organisation appointed by the NHS. This is managed through a Section 75 Agreement signed by the Director of Adult Social Care and Director of Commissioning Bedfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group, the responsible officers of the Statutory Partners of this Council and NHS Bedfordshire.

Financial and Risk Implications

14. The budget for the Adult Social Care element (Intermediate Care and Rapid Intervention Services) of the Community Health Services contract (£550,000 per annum) is provided for within the Adult Social Care base budget.

Equalities Implications

15. Central Bedfordshire Council has a statutory duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and foster good relations in respect of nine protected characteristics; age disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

16. Equalities issues and implications have been considered and incorporated into the Specification and the focus of Community Health services is to support vulnerable people responding to their needs. The Invitation to Continue Dialogue stage of the procurement process sets out the broad approach that is required from potential providers.
17. At this stage of the procurement process it is proportionate that general equality considerations are made and this document includes appropriate references to the general equality and health inequality requirements expected by the key stakeholders of potential partners.
18. As the process moves to specific deliverables Equality Impact Assessments will be required for each of those elements to ensure that what is being provided meets equality requirements and is designed to meet the needs of all users/patients.

Conclusion and next Steps

19. Executive approval to procure the Adult Social Care element of the new Community Health Services contract is required as set out in the report.

Appendices

Appendix A: Executive report 1 August 2016 *'Healthy Child Programme Contract and wider community health services: Authorisation to Proceed with Procurement'* can be viewed via the following link:
<http://centralbeds.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=577&MId=5345&Ver=4>

Background Papers

None

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