

**Report of: The Office of the Director of Public Health**

**Report to: Ian Cameron, Director of Public Health**

**Date: 24<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

**Subject: Request approval for a contract variation under Contracts Procedure Rules 21.7 for the removal of the Psycho-sexual Counselling service from the Public Health block contract held with Leeds and York Partnership NHS Foundation Trust.**

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):		
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number:		

## Summary of main issues

1. In April 2013 Local Authorities took the lead from the NHS for improving the health of their local communities. As responsibilities have transferred so have the budgets contracts and staff. Public Health budgets have been protected in order to drive local efforts to improve health and wellbeing by tackling the wider determinants of poor health. The funding allocations support the Governments vision of helping people live longer, healthier and more fulfilling lives and tackling inequalities in health. The Councils Office of Director of Public Health is responsible for a ring-fenced budget of £36.8m 2013/14 and £40.5M 2014/15.
2. In January 2014 a decision was taken to award an extension of the second year of these contracts. This included the contract held with Leeds and York Partnership Foundation Trust. This decision was agreed as part of the Council's key decision making process.
3. The existing block contract held with Leeds and York partnership Foundation NHS Trust (LYPFT) consists of a number of services. One of these services is for provision of a Psycho-sexual Counselling service valued at £148,867. It has been identified that this service does not fit under the commissioning responsibility of the Local Authority and therefore negotiations have been held with Leeds Clinical Commissioning Groups to identify a new commissioner for this service.

4. Through agreement with Leeds CCGs it has been agreed that the responsibility and commissioning of the Psycho-Sexual Counselling service will formally move across organisations.

## **Recommendations**

That the Director of Public Health approves the contract variation under Contracts Procedures Rules 21.7 for the removal of the Psycho sexual Counselling service from the Leeds and York Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (LYPFT) contract held with Public Health, Leeds City Council as from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 at a value of £148,867.

### **1 Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval from the Director of Public Health to agree the contract variation for the removal of the Psycho-Sexual Counselling service from the Local Authority block contract with Leeds and York Partnership NHS Foundation Trust.

### **2 Background information**

- 2.1 The Psycho-sexual service as part of the LYPFT block contract that transferred to the Council as part of the due diligence process, the Council has commissioned and funded this service during 2013-14.
- 2.2 It has been identified that this service is not the responsibility of the Local Authority to commission and is the responsibility of Leeds CCGs who will enter into their own contractual arrangements with LYPFT for the continuation of Psychosexual Counselling Service from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014.

### **3 Main issues**

### **4 Corporate Considerations**

#### **4.1 Consultation and Engagement**

- 4.1.1 Consultation has been undertaken with Leeds CCGs and Leeds and York Partnership Foundation Trust, all are in agreement to the transfer of this service to CCG responsibility.

#### **4.2 Council policies and City Priorities**

- 4.2.1 This service will continue with a different commissioner so there is no risk to patient care.

#### **4.3 Resources and value for money**

- 4.3.1 The agreement with Leeds CCGs means that there are no risks to the Public Health Local Authority budget or the CCG budget. Both organisations will receive no financial benefit or loss due to the transfer of responsibilities.

## **Revenue Effects**

### **4.4 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

**4.4.1** This decision is a Significant Operational Decision and as such is not subject to call-in. The report does not contain any exempt or confidential information.

### **4.5 Risk Management**

**4.5.1** There are no specific risks identified with this decision.

## **5 Conclusions**

- 5.1** The Local Authority is currently commissioning a service which should be commissioned by Leeds CCGs.
- 5.2** Leeds CCGs have agreed that the future commissioning of this service is their responsibility.
- 5.3** Agreement has been reached with Leeds CCGs for them to commission the Psycho-sexual Counselling service with Leeds and York Partnership Foundation NHS Trust from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014.
- 5.4** Leeds and York Partnership Foundation trust have been consulted and are in full agreement of this change.

## **6 Recommendations**

That the Director of Public Health approves the contract variation under Contracts Procedure Rules 21.7 for the removal of the Psycho-sexual Counselling service valued at £148,867 from the Leeds and York Partnership NHS Foundation Trust block contract at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014.