

**Report of Health Improvement Principal - Emotional Health and Wellbeing Lead
/Commissioning and Contract Officer**

Report to Director of Public Health

Date: 14th June 2017

Subject: Request to initiate contract extensions with Touchstone-Leeds to enable key public mental health services to be maintained in accordance with Contracts Procedure Rules 21.1 (contract extensions)

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| Are specific electoral wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of ward(s): | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| 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 |
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Summary of main issues

1. This report is seeking to use the available 6 month extension provision within two interim contracts (DN234824 and DN234817) with Touchstone-Leeds for the delivery of a community development worker service, which promotes health and wellbeing of people with mental health problems and a service to improve the health and wellbeing of people with mental health problems from BME communities. Both are long-established arrangements based on historic requirements and needs, and the Council has worked with the providers to ensure that the services meet public health priorities for Leeds.
2. The value of the six month extension for both contracts is £148,525 (please refer to Appendix 1) and this will be met by the Public Health grant. The six-month extensions (1st October to 31st March 2018) are required to provide sufficient time for the Council to complete the procurement and mobilise a new community mental health service, which will use an community asset based approach to contribute to reducing health inequalities by focusing on wider determinants that can affect resilience and impact negatively on mental health.

Recommendations

3. The Director of Public Health is recommended to approve:
 - a 6 month extension of the two contracts (DN234824 and DN234817) held with Touchstone-Leeds for the delivery of public mental health services as defined in Appendix 1 in accordance with Contract Procedure Rule 21.1.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to set out the rationale for seeking a 6 month contract extension of two public mental health contracts provided by Touchstone-Leeds in accordance with Contracts Procedure Rules (CPR) 21.1. Full details are provided in Appendix 1.

2 Background information

- 2.1 On 1st April 2013, the Leeds Primary Care Trust ceased to exist and the Public Health function transferred to Leeds City Council as set out in the Health and Social Care Act 2012. Through a Statutory Instrument under the Act functions, resources, ring-fenced budget and assets and liabilities, including contracts, transferred to the Council via two transfer schemes.
- 2.2 In order to ensure service continuity and compliance with the Council's CPRs, Public Health worked with the Projects, Programmes and Procurement Unit to ensure all contracts were reviewed and providers including Touchstone-Leeds were formally awarded contracts based on Council's terms and conditions.
- 2.3 The two contracts with Touchstone-Leeds covered in this report, provide for a community development worker service, which promotes health and wellbeing of people with mental health problems and a service to improve the health and wellbeing of people with mental health problems from BME communities. Both are long-established arrangements based on historic requirements and needs, and the Council has worked with the providers to ensure that the services meet public health priorities for Leeds. Full details are provided in Appendix 1.
- 2.4 These two services are part of a current review and procurement for the new Mentally Healthy Leeds service, which will adopt an asset based community development approach within at risk communities to help build community capital and capacity, and strengthen individual mental resilience.
- 2.5 New six month contracts (with extension provision of up to 6 months) were awarded to Touchstone-Leeds on 1st April 2017 as an interim measure to provide continuity of the existing public mental health services whilst the service review and procurement exercise is undertaken. Approval is now being sought to initiate the extension provision of these interim contracts to provide sufficient time to finalise the procurement and to cover for any service mobilisation required before the new service is operational.
- 2.5 As a direct result of the Public Health grant cuts announced by the Government in 2015, Public Health developed a contracts strategy to make the required cuts. Contracts with Touchstone-Leeds have previously been subject to a series of cuts but there will be no further contract variations due to this report (see Appendix 1).

3 Main issues

- 3.1 Continuity of these services is necessary to maintain progress towards meeting the public mental health responsibilities of the Council, and towards meeting the priorities set out in the health and wellbeing strategy. If these services do not continue, there would be disruption to service users and a risk to the public mental health agenda.
- 3.2 Public Health has developed strategic commissioning priorities, which includes mental health and wellbeing in order to have a robust programme of recommissioning and procurement for key public health services. The scoping and review phase of the mental health and wellbeing

strategic priority is well underway and the service model is currently being developed for new Mentally Healthy Leeds Service.

- 3.3 PPPU has prepared a timetable for the procurement of the Mentally Healthy Leeds service and the proposed start date for the new service is 1st April 2018 following a mobilisation period. Therefore the available extension provision is required to provide service continuity whilst the procurement and mobilisation of the new service is undertaken.

4 Corporate considerations

4.1 Consultation and engagement

- 4.1.1 Consultation about the contract extensions has been undertaken with Officers in Adults & Health, Touchstone-Leeds and the Executive Member for Health, Wellbeing & Adults.

4.2 Equality and diversity/cohesion and integration

- 4.2.1 An equality and diversity screening assessment has been undertaken in respect to this report.

4.3 Council policies and best council plan

- 4.3.1 Continuity of the services provided by Touchstone supports the delivery of the Council's Public Health responsibilities and priorities, which will help to deliver:

- Vision for Leeds 2011 to 2030
- Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2013 – 15
- Best Council Plan 2015 – 20
- The NHS Five Year Forward View and NHS Planning Guidance

4.4 Resources and value for money

- 4.4.1 The cost of these contract extensions will be met by revenue funding (Public Health grant). These contracts have already been subject to a series of cuts due to the national Public Health grants cuts (see Appendix 1). There will be no change in funding during this extension period as it is considered that the services are delivering value for money based on the routine performance monitoring received (both qualitative and quantitative information).
- 4.4.2 The contract extensions are required to support the implementation of the public health strategic priorities by ensuring there is continuity of service provision until new contracts have been awarded and services mobilised. The public mental health service review and procurement are progressing in accordance the project plan, and the new service will be in operational on 1st April 2018 following a period of mobilisation.

4.5 Legal implications, access to information and call-in

- 4.5.1 This is a significant operational decision and is not subject to Call In. There are no grounds for treating the contents of this report as confidential with the Council's Access to Information Rules.

4.6 Risk management

- 4.6.1 Aside from the risk of service disruption if this course of action is not approved, there are no specific risks with respect to this report as the contracts have available extension provision. Furthermore, the new Mentally Healthy Leeds service will be advertised via the Council's tendering portal namely, YORtender and in the Official Journal of the European Union to enable all interested providers to tender for the new service.

5 Conclusions

- 5.1 Contract extensions are required to ensure no disruption to services whilst Public Health undertake and completes the review and procurement of the new Mentally Healthy Leeds service. This new service is due to be operational on 1st April 2018 following a period of mobilisation.
- 5.2 Throughout the extension period, these contracts will continue to be routinely contract managed to ensure robust performance monitoring takes place and value for money is being achieved for the Council.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 The Director of Public Health is recommended to approve:
- a 6 month extension of the two contracts (DN230296 and DN234817) held with Touchstone-Leeds for the delivery of public mental health services as defined in Appendix 1 in accordance with Contract Procedure Rule 21.1.

7 Background documents¹

- 7.1 None

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.

Appendix 1: Contracts Details

| Strategic commissioning priority | Contract Bundle | Provider | Contract Name | Contract ref | Current End Date | Period of extension | 2015-16 Contract Value | 2016-17 Contract value | 2017-18 Contract value (6 months) |
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| Healthy lifestyles pathway | Mental health & wellbeing | Touchstone (ELHFA) | Community Development Worker Service-Promoting health & wellbeing of people with mental health problems | DN234824 (previously YORE-9D8R9E) | 30/09/2017 | Up to 6 months | £315,960 | £300,160 | £135,195 |
| | | | Service to improve health and well-being of people with mental health problems from BME communities | DN234817 (previously YORE-9D8FBU) | 30/09/2017 | Up to 6 months | £30,510 | £28,980 | £13,330 |