

## **AGENDA ITEM**

### **REPORT TO HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

**25 SEPTEMBER 2014**

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

#### **BIRCHTREE PRACTICE**

##### **SUMMARY**

The Birchtree Practice situated at Lawson Street, Stockton on Tees is a GP practice which delivers essential, additional, enhanced and specialist substance misuse services to a registered list of 725 patients under an APMS contract. The contract is currently held by NHS England but is jointly funded and managed with Stockton Borough Council.

NHS England is reviewing the registered element of the contract to determine their future commissioning intentions. Stockton Borough Council will also need to review the substance misuse provision alongside NHS England to inform and determine the future of this substance misuse treatment provision or model of delivery in Stockton on Tees.

The current contract is due to expire at the end of March 2015 but a contract extension has been proposed by Stockton Borough Council to NHS England. If agreed this would extend the contract to 31 March 2016 to afford sufficient time for the review and consultation to be undertaken. A decision by NHS England regarding this proposal is still pending.

A report was tabled at the Adults Health & Wellbeing Commissioning Group on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2014 detailing further information and the next steps (attached). The review and consultation will be completed by the end of December 2014. The Adults Health & Wellbeing Commissioning Group made the following recommendations.

##### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. The Health and Wellbeing Board are requested to receive and note the contents of the report to the Adults Health & Wellbeing Commissioning Group.
2. The Health and Wellbeing Board resolves to establish from NHS England a decision on the proposal to extend the Birchtree Practice contract to the end of March 2015 to allow sufficient time for consultation and review to inform future commissioning intentions.
3. The Health and Wellbeing Board resolves to expect a joint review approach between Public Health and NHS England Commissioners.
4. The Health and Wellbeing Board resolves to expect that the consultation is led locally

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