

# **Adults' Health and Wellbeing Commissioning Group**

A meeting of Adults' Health and Wellbeing Commissioning Group was held on Thursday, 4 September, 2014.

**Present:** Peter Kelly (Chairman), Sarah Bowman, Cllr Jim Beall, Emma Champley, Karen Hawkins and Simon Willson

**Officers:** Michael Henderson (Law and Democracy), Kerry Anderson (Public Health)

**Also in attendance:**

**Apologies:** Hilary Hall, Jayne Herring, Liz Hanley, Sean McEneaney,

## **1 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **2 Minutes of meeting held on 4 September 2014**

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 September 2014 were confirmed as a correct record.

## **3 Smoking Cessation Service Review 2014 Project.**

Members received a report that provided an update on the review of the smoking cessation service provision and commissioning options available.

Members were provided with background to the review and noted the findings of public consultation.

3 options for the Commissioning of future services were provided to the Group and members expressed support for Option 2, a Joint procurement initiative between Stockton on Tees Borough Council and Hartlepool Borough Council. It was suggested that Stockton would act as lead commissioner. Members agreed this in principle but authorised the Director of Public Health, in consultation with Councillor Beall to make the final decision subject him being satisfied that;

- Hartlepool Borough Council had formally agreed to the proposals.
- the Council's procurement and legal services were satisfied with the proposals and all necessary risk assessments had been undertaken.

The Group discussed what might be included in any specifications and the following was raised:-

- A requirement placed on the provider to engage directly with individuals and groups in the community.
- Provider must have capacity and flexibility to target deprived areas.
- The specification should include financial incentives to the successful provider for it to reach targeted groups e.g. capped financial benefits for

good performance at helping people in deprived areas

- requirements relating to working with the Council's Public Health service, interaction with the voluntary sector and use of mosaic data.
- Requirement to work with the wider authority in terms of Council staff identifying people who might need help.

RESOLVED that Option 2 be agreed, in principle, with final approval being delegated to the Director of Public Health as detailed above.

#### **4 Birchtree Practice Review 2014**

The Group received a report that provided details of current issues relating to The Birchtree Practice, Lawson Street, Stockton on Tees. Members noted that:-

- NHS England would be undertaking a review of the registered element of the Alternative Provider Medical Service (APMS) contract.
- the Council would be undertaking a review of the substance misuse provision within that contract to inform and determine the future of this provision in Stockton on Tees. The Council would also undertake consultation with a range of stakeholders in conjunction with NHS England to determine future commissioning intentions regarding possible joint commissioning arrangements with NHS England.

Members noted that the APMS contract was due to terminate 31 March 2015 and was held by NHS England but was jointly funded and managed with the Council. The Group noted some of the potential risks if NHS England decided not to enter in similar contractual arrangements to the Council after 31 March 2015.

It was explained that a contract extension to 31 March 2016 had been proposed by the Provider and the Council but a response to this suggestion had not been received from NHS England.

The Group expressed its disappointment that no representative had been available from NHS England Area Team to assist with the consideration of this matter at this meeting.

The Group agreed that there was a need for a review but considered that this should be jointly undertaken by the commissioners. The Group was also concerned that consultation undertaken by NHS England would not be led locally.

It was suggested that this matter should be highlighted with Health and Wellbeing Board and a report prepared for its next meeting.

RESOLVED that a report be prepared for the Health and Wellbeing Board's next meeting that:-

- provided details of the issues associated with Birchtree Practice.
- requested the Board to establish, from NHS England, what its view was with regard to a proposal to extend the Birchtree Practice contract to March 2016.
- asked the Board to support a joint review approach between Public Health and NHS England Commissioners
- requested that the Board to supported the principle that any consultation was led locally.

## **5 Forward Plan**

Members considered the Group's Forward Plan and it was noted that draft commissioning intentions from all partners would be available at the October meeting.

RESOLVED that the Plan be agreed.