



Leicester
City Council

Scrutiny Committee Briefing

APPENDIX E

Leicester City Drugs Services – Unit Costs

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The Cost Effectiveness Tool is a tool that has been developed by the National Treatment Agency (now part of Public Health England) to help partnerships understand the value for money of their treatment system. It attempts to correlate the partnerships funding streams against the treatment interventions provided to service users in relation to predefined modalities. This information is portrayed in terms of cost per day and comparisons are drawn against the best performing areas nationally and in the top quartile using averages.

2. LOCAL PICTURE

The table below has been constructed by the NTA using financial information provided by local services and the activity data that they had uploaded onto the National Treatment Monitoring System in the course of 2011-2012.

TREATMENT INTERVENTION	EXPENDITUR E	ACTIVITY	COST PER DAY
Community prescribing	£3,184,445	1,206	£9.54
Structured day programmes	£219,480	133	£10.85
Structured psychosocial interventions	£9,000	14	£3.46
Other structured drug treatment	£288,887	234	£11.79
Inpatient treatment	£1,643,727	22	£8,218
Residential rehabilitation	£605,986	7	£1,534

When reviewed against other partnerships the costs of locally commissioned services are higher in the case of:-

- community prescribing services (by 46% of top quartile)
- inpatient treatment (by 95% of top quartile)
- residential rehabilitation (by 90% of top quartile)

Funding for inpatient treatment and residential rehabilitation is not part of the substance misuse pooled budget.

TREATMENT INTERVENTION	COST PER DAY		
	Leicester	Top Quartile	National
Community prescribing	£9.54	£5.12	£5.92
Structured day programmes	£10.85	£41.66	£27.88
Structured psychosocial interventions	£3.46	£12.31	£13.85
Other structured drug treatment	£11.79	£26.81	£18.14
Inpatient treatment	£8,218	£389	£413.06
Residential rehabilitation	£1,534	£163	£162.37

In comparison the costs for the following interventions are significantly lower than the national profile:-

- structured day programmes
- structured psycho social interventions
- other structured interventions

3. CAVEATS

This exercise was conducted on information that local services had provided before the procurement exercise started in 2010-2011. It has not been possible to refresh the financial information in the midst of this procurement exercise, and the consecutive procurement exercise of 2012-13, and whilst services were being re-configured.

4. NEXT STEPS

Newly commissioned services contracts take effect in July 2013. There are now coherent care pathways in place which can be properly evaluated against outcomes. As part of the quality assurance framework services will be required to refresh the financial breakdown for the new care pathways in order to provide baseline data to inform future value for money assessments.