

# Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Commission Briefing Note

## Update on plans for Re-Procurement of Substance Misuse Services

- At its meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> August the Health and Well-Being Scrutiny commission received a paper updating members on the plans to re-procure substance misuse services, with new services required to be in place July 2016.
- This note provides an update on progress re the service design, and next steps for procurement.
- To support the service design process, a soft market testing exercise has been conducted to test the market in terms of the proposed service model. In addition a second stage consultation exercise has taken place.
- The soft market test ran 19 June – 10 July, and received 18 feedback submissions. All feedback received demonstrated interest and support for the proposed model.
- The second stage consultation closed on 16<sup>th</sup> August. The consultation included online and paper survey, alongside 12 focus groups with users, carers, LGBT community, and staff across affected services.
- There were 202 individual survey responses, 58% were from Leicester City Council.
- The online responses revealed a level of overall support for the proposals:
  - 61% either 'strongly agreed' with LLR wide access and 24% 'tended to agree'
  - 45% strongly agreed with combining adult and young people services and 27% tended to agree.
  - 41% strongly agreed with combining criminal justice and non-criminal justice and 28% 'tended to agree'
- There was a lesser degree of support for the overall question:
  - Overall 33% 'strongly agreed' and 38% 'tended to agree' with the proposals and 13% either 'strongly' disagreed' or 'tended to disagree'.

- Analysis of this suggests concern was due to the need for young people to be seen separately to adults; and lack of clarity over where and how the service will be delivered. This will be taken into account when drawing up the service specifications.
- The proposed model takes into account the feedback from the soft market test, and the consultation, and places evidenced based treatment interventions into one overall contract, to include:

Low threshold services for users and family/friends such as:

- Information, advice & guidance
- Harm reduction support including needle exchange services to prevent the spread of Blood borne viruses and Naloxone to prevent drug-related deaths
- Linkage to area wide mutual aid services

Structured services such as:

- Psycho-social treatment interventions e.g. motivational interviewing
- Pharmacological treatment services e.g. prescribing for opiate dependency
- Group based services and activities to promote recovery.
- Peer mentor development and support
- Interventions tailored to the needs of young people and young adults.
- Interventions through different points of the criminal justice system e.g. referrals from court
- In-reach to a range of different health and care settings such as hospitals.
- Support for families and carers.

Wider workforce support and partnership working

- Information, advice and consultancy on identifying and responding to substance misuse issues across the social care(adult and children's), health ,criminal justice and voluntary sector workforce
  - Partnership working with G.P's and Pharmacies e.g. on prescribing and needle exchange
- The approach provides opportunity to deliver efficiencies, with the existing 5 separate contracts being re-procured into 1 service.
  - To meet the timescales for procurement an invitation to tender will be issued 5<sup>th</sup> October.