

PROCUREMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLBEING SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN DEVON

OUTCOME OF TENDER AND PREFERRED BIDDER

Report of the Chief Officer Children's Services

Please note that the following recommendations are subject to consideration and determination by the Cabinet (and confirmation under the provisions of the Council's Constitution) before taking effect.

Recommendation:

That Cabinet support NEW Devon CCG's recommendation that Torbay and South Devon Foundation Trust, acting as prime provider for the consortium Devon Children and Families Alliance, become preferred bidder for the delivery of Community Health and Wellbeing Services.

1. Background

- 1.1. The Council have been working with the CCGs over the year to re-commission Community Health and Wellbeing services. Many of these services are currently provided by Virgin Care under the contract called Integrated Childrens Services.
- 1.2. A joint strategy to support this re-commissioning has been developed through consultation with families and children. [Hyperlink](#)
- 1.3. The Cabinet minute 65 (d) of 11 October 2017 resolved that:

d) the joint commissioning of Occupational Therapy (OT) and child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS) as part of the Community Health and Care Services with NEW Devon CCG acting as lead commissioner for a new contract to start from April 2019, be approved.

The rationale for this recommendation was set out in the accompanying Report to Cabinet (CS/17/32) to be:

The OT service is achieving good outcomes for children with a fully integrated care and health service as is CAMHS. In order to build on the increased emphasis on early intervention and strong partnership culture which is emerging it is recommended that the Council and CCG continue to jointly contract for these services.

- 1.4 A further Cabinet Member Delegated Decision on the 29th January 2018 approved the recommendation to put in place a Section 75 pooled fund with

NEW Devon CCG for the period 2018-2029 and for Devon County Council Childrens Services to contribute £1.6m per annum to this pooled fund.

- 1.5 On the 27th of September 2018, NEW Devon CCG has recommended, to the CCG's Governing Body committees in common, Devon Children and Families Alliance (The Alliance) is selected as the preferred bidder to deliver the contract for a period of seven years from 1st April 2019, with the option to extend for a further three.
- 1.6 The Alliance is a consortia model, led by the Primary Provider, Torbay & South Devon NHS Foundation Trust, in partnership with Devon Partnership NHS Trust, Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust, University Hospitals, Plymouth NHS Trust, Livewell Southwest, and Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust.
- 1.7 New Devon CCG Governing Body has agreed the recommendation on the 27th September. The final contract award decision will then be made by a further meeting of the CCG's Governing Body Committees in Common which is anticipated to be in early November.

2. Consultations

- 2.1 Consultation with children and families has been undertaken to inform the specifications for the procurement of services. A summary report of this is published on the NEW Devon CCG website.

3. Financial Considerations

- 3.1 The total value of the contract is £23.856m for the first year, with a seven-year primary contract value of £166.992m. The initial seven-year period will commence from 1 April 2019. The contract contains a further three-year extension. The initial seven-year period will commence from 1st April 2019. The Council contribution to this will be £1.6m.

4. Environmental Impact Considerations

- 4.1 None

5. Equality Considerations

- 5.1 A Quality and Equality Impact Assessment (QEIA) has been developed by NEW Devon CCG, which has overall responsibility for the procurement process.
- 5.2 A detailed impact assessment was undertaken at the pre-procurement stage of this project and the outcomes reflected in the construction of the tender, contract documentation and in the evaluation of the tenders.

6. Legal Considerations

- 6.1 The Council funding for the services in the contract will be a through a Section 75 agreement.
- 6.2 As NEW Devon CCG has acted as lead commissioner, the service contract will be let on NHS terms and conditions with the CCG as signatory. DCC will not be a party to this contract.

7. Risk Management Considerations

7.1 Transition of services from Virgin Care Limited (the incumbent) to the new provider will be monitored through the legal framework of a Section 75 Agreement.

8. Public Health Impact

None

9. Conclusion

9.1 The joint strategy as referenced at section 1.2 of this report sets out the vision where all children and young people in Devon should have the best start in life, growing up in loving and supportive families, and being happy, healthy and safe. Children, young people, their families and carers and communities will have access to a personalised, sustainable and co-ordinated system of care and support at the time, and in the place, they need it.

9.2 Therefore it is recommended that Cabinet support NEW Devon CCG's recommendation that Torbay and South Devon Foundation Trust, acting as prime provider for the consortium Devon Children and Families Alliance, become preferred bidder for the delivery of Community Health and Wellbeing Services.

Electoral Divisions: All

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972: LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

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BACKGROUND PAPER

Impact Assessment: <https://new.devon.gov.uk/impact/published/>

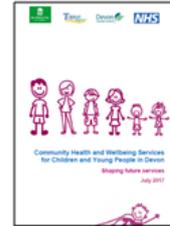
Engagement Report and Joint Strategy: <https://www.newdevonccg.nhs.uk/your-ccg/children-and-young-people-100144>



A summary of engagement activities (2011-2016)



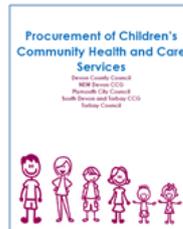
Access preferences research (2016/17)



Pre-procurement engagement document (summer 2017)



Engagement Report (2017)



Service strategy document consulted upon and published (2017)



Service specifications consulted upon and published (2017)