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North Yorkshire County Council  
Health and Adult Services - Executive Members & Corporate Director Meetings - Department

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**Executive Members**

Caroline Dickinson  
Michael Harrison

**Officer attendees**

Richard Webb

**Presenting Officers**

Janine Tranmer  
Angela Hall  
Natalie Smith

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## **Extension to contract for Integrated Community Equipment Service**

**REPORT TO** Corporate Director of Health and Adult Services (HAS) in consultation with Executive Member for Public Health, Prevention and Supported Housing, including Sustainability and Transformation Plans.

**DECISION DATE** 14 May 2021

### **PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION**

To agree an extension to the Integrated Community Equipment Service. The current service commenced on 1 December 2016 with an expiry date of 30 November 2021, with potential to extend the current contract by 2 years.

### **BACKGROUND TO SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION**

The Integrated Community Equipment Service is commissioned jointly by NYCC (HAS & CYPS) and the Clinical Commissioning Groups which cover the geographical boundary of North Yorkshire

There is a risk that by not utilising the contract extension would result in the current contract ending, with partners being responsible for sourcing equipment individually, leading to over prescribing, lack of oversight of prescribing behaviour and additional costs. This is mitigated by extending the contract for 2 years so that future commissioning intentions may be agreed and the specification for the future service developed. Also, Health and Adult Services (HAS) hopes to align a number of existing contracts, including Assistive Technology, into a single overarching contract. This will require detailed discussions with partner commissioners so that an approach, which is acceptable to all, can be progressed.

A change of provider at this stage would result in the ongoing development of systems and processes being halted and recommenced with a new provider, leading to delays in implementing positive change and efficiencies. To date the service has been able to continue through the Covid-19 pandemic. The longer-term effects on the global supply chain are currently unknown in terms of securing a new provider within the allocated budget for the service.

Partnership working has been positive throughout this contract term. Should the Council choose to move away from an integrated community equipment service there would be inefficiencies, both financially and practically, and ultimately a negative impact on people who require equipment.

The cost of the service is demand led, based on assessment of equipment requirements to meet a person's specific needs. However, with regular monitoring of activity, supplies, catalogue items and recycling of equipment, where possible, the budget is closely scrutinised and increases in demand and budget pressures escalated as appropriate.

Commissioners will continue to monitor the existing contract and commence discussions to identify future requirements and a service specification.

## **LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE COMPLIANCE**

Contract and Procurement Services have been consulted on the contract extension. The contract will be extended under Regulation 72 (1) (e) of the Public Contract Regulations 2015.

The current partnership approach has ensured that the governance of the contract has been robust and can continue to evolve to ensure the service continues to meet the needs of all parties.

During the extension period work will commence on the re-procurement of the arrangements.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Authority extend the Integrated Community Equipment Contract by 2 years from 30 November 2021.

## **REPORT AUTHOR**

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## **DATE**

5 May 2021

## **Provision of Public Health Services - Pharmacy Primary Care Services**

**REPORT TO;** Corporate Director of Health and Adult Services (HAS) in consultation with Executive Member for Public Health, Prevention and Supported Housing, including Sustainability and Transformation Plans.

**DECISION DATE:** Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021

### **PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Authority extend the Approved Provider List (APL) for up to 3 years from 1 April 2022 until 31 March 2025 under Regulation 72 of The Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

### **BACKGROUND TO SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION**

Primary Care Services in North Yorkshire are currently delivered by General Practitioners and Community Pharmacies and are commissioned and procured via an APL. The current list was published to run for a period of 5 years from 1 April 2017 expiring on the 31 March 2022. There was no provision to extend built into the contract. The existing APL has 99 Pharmacies.

The services that are currently delivered via Pharmacies are:

- Supervised Consumption Service
- Needle and Syringe Programme and Harm Reduction Service
- Targeted Primary Care Sexual Health
- NYCC Employee Flu Vaccination Service
- Stop Smoking

The current list was established to ensure the Council had a mechanism in place to deliver Public health services in community pharmacies. All performance and claims are made via Outcomes4Health. This is a web-based system which allows Providers to record the required information for each commissioned service and payment claims are automatically created on a monthly basis.

The Health Improvement Managers review the live data and produce performance reports, performance across the services is being met and there is good coverage across the county.

Primary care priorities for 2021/2022 are the delivery of the vaccination programme and support for the ongoing COVID response, as a result there is insufficient resource to carry out the required procurement process. Extending the APL will allow for the transformation work to be conducted by the team in HAS as well as allow time for a full review of the contract and a re-procurement to take place.

## **LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE COMPLIANCE**

Procurement and Legal and Democratic Services have been consulted on the contract extension of the APL. The APL will be extended under Regulation 72 (1) (e) of the Public Contract Regulations 2015.

The APL will continue to operate in the same way so there will be no alteration to the overall scope of the contracts. During the extension period the council will continue to accept applications to the provider list. This will ensure the APL does not prevent providers from applying to join the list. During the extension period work will commence on the re-procurement of the arrangements.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Authority extend the Approved Provider List for up to 3 years from 1 April 2022 until 31 March 2025.

## **Provision of Public Health Services - General Practice – Primary Care Services**

**REPORT TO;** Corporate Director of Health and Adult Services (HAS) in consultation with Executive Member for Public Health, Prevention and Supported Housing, including Sustainability and Transformation Plans.

**DECISION DATE:** Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021

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The services that are currently delivered via GP's are:

- Shared Care Drug Misuse Treatment and Recovery Service
- Pharmacological abstinence therapy supervision service for alcohol misuse
- Targeted Primary Care Sexual Health
- NHS Health Checks
- Stop Smoking – In-House Advisor Service

Mandated services are LARC (Targeted sexual health), smoking cessation; NHS Health checks.

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