



## **HEALTH AND WELL BEING BOARD: 5 DECEMBER 2013**

### **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

### **UPDATE ON THE NEW INTEGRATED SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICE (ISHS)**

#### **Purpose**

1. The purpose of this report is to brief the Health and Well Being Board on the implementation of the Integrated Sexual Health Service (ISHS) which was recently awarded through the recently concluded procurement exercise.

#### **Background**

2. The current providers of Contraceptive services (University Hospitals Leicester) and Genitourinary Medicine Services (GUM) at Loughborough (Leicestershire Partnership Trust) gave notice on their services in 2012. This resulted in the re-procurement of an integrated service comprising the following services:
  - Contraceptive services and GUM provided by University Hospitals of Leicester,
  - Chlamydia Screening, Choices Young People's Service and GUM Loughborough provided by Leicestershire Partnership Trust,
  - Sexual Health and Contraceptive Clinics (SHACC) provided by seven GPs in Leicester,
  - The Safer Sex Project provided by Leicester City Council.
3. These separately commissioned services will cease on 31st December 2013 with the new integrated service commencing on 1st January 2014, which will allow for the following advantages:
  - clear and unified management arrangements
  - innovative service models and approaches
  - clear clinical leadership and accountability across the entire provision
  - seamless experience for the user
  - value for money
4. A full procurement exercise was carried out with Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent NHS Partnership (SSOTP) being awarded the ISHS contract as preferred provider.

5. This integrated service has been commissioned collaboratively with Rutland and Leicester City Councils. The proposed contract will be awarded for a three year period with the option to extend on an annual basis for a further two years.

### **Implementation approach**

6. The three local authorities need to ensure that clear processes and procedures are in place for this commissioned service. In addition, new operational pathways are required in order to ensure the effective delivery of the ISHS. It was therefore decided that the implementation of the new service would be undertaken as a mobilisation project, using Governance and controls that are intrinsic to a project structure. Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit is (GEM CSU) providing the infrastructure for the mobilisation plan using funding from the former Primary Care Trust in 2012/13.

### **Project Governance**

7. A Project Board has been established with representation from the three local authorities. The Divisional Director of Public Health (Leicester City) and Acting Director of Public Health (Rutland and Leicestershire) chair the meetings in turn. Membership also includes representatives from the new provider.
8. The purpose of the Board is to:
  - Support the project executives in delivering the project
  - Ensure resources are appropriately allocated
  - Monitor progress and challenge as necessary
  - Agree key decisions
  - Mitigate risks
9. In addition to the Project Board, 7 work streams have been established, covering the following areas for delivery:
  - Quality/Clinical Governance
  - Contract/Contract Management and Finance
  - Operational pathways (excluding HIV)
  - HR/Workforce
  - HIV Transition
  - Facilities (including Premises, IT, Records)
  - Communications and Engagement
10. All work streams are currently meeting every two weeks. The project manager is responsible for all formal reporting of the work streams into the Project Board.

11. The Implementation Project Board work to a regularly updated risk register. As we move towards implementation date the remaining risks are being worked through in short order. A verbal update on remaining risks will be given at Health and Wellbeing Board.

### **Recommendations**

12. That the Health and Wellbeing Board note the progress in implementing the new integrated sexual health service

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