

Subject:	Musculoskeletal and Dermatology Services in Sussex		
Date of Meeting:	5 November 2013		
Report of:	Monitoring Officer		
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT

- 1.1 Brighton and Hove Clinical Commissioning Group (the CCG) is currently working with Horsham and Mid Sussex and Crawley CCGs to re-procure Musculoskeletal services (MSK) across the area of the three CCGs. The CCG is also working to re-procure dermatology services.
- 1.2 This paper covers the procurement process for both services,

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That HWOSC members consider and comment on the reports and procurement processes for both services.

3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Musculoskeletal Services

- 3.1 The current service in Brighton and Hove is provided by Brighton and Sussex University Hospital NHS Trust (BSUH) who subcontract to two other providers to deliver the service: Sussex Community Trust (SCT) and Brighton Integrated Care Services (BICS). It covers all services in the areas of Orthopaedics (bones and joints), Podiatry (feet and ankles), Rheumatology, Pain Management and Physiotherapy. More information on services that are provided can be found in **Appendix One**
- 3.2 The original scheme was a pilot and now has to be re-tendered. The procurement process is laid out in **Appendix One**, this also contains information on how social value will be taken into account.
- 3.3 The CCG is hoping to go out to tender in October leading to signature of a contract in six months' time. A period of a further six months will be allowed for the new provider to mobilise and organise their services, leading to a service start in October 2014

Dermatology Services

- 3.4 At present, the Integrated Dermatology Service is provided under contract with BICS (Brighton Integrated Care Services, as prime provider, who then subcontract to BSUH (Brighton and Sussex University Hospital Trust) for consultant input. The current service includes the management of Enhanced Minor Surgery and Dermatology services in Primary Care, Community services run by General Practitioners with Specialist Interests (GSWIs) and Nurses and all adult elective outpatient activity. It also includes patient triage.
- 3.5 The original scheme was a pilot and now has to be re-tendered. The procurement process is laid out in **Appendix Two**.
- 3.6 The CCG Board have approved a formal competitive tender process starting in October. Market engagement has demonstrated that there are a range of providers that are capable and interested in providing an integrated dermatology service.

4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 There is no alternative to formally procuring the services as they have both been run as pilot schemes to date.

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Patient engagement for both MSK and dermatology service users took place in April 2013 and their feedback informed the process. More information can be found in **Appendices One and Two**.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 The service has to be procured as the current provision is a pilot service. Social value will be considered as part of the procurement process.

7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 7.1 None to this cover report; the procurement process will take account of this in due course.

Legal Implications:

- 7.2 None to this cover report; the procurement process will take account of this in due course. Both services legally have to go through the procurement process as they have been operated under a pilot scheme to date.

Equalities Implications:

- 7.3 None to this cover report; the procurement process will take account of this in due course.

Sustainability Implications:

- 7.4 None to this cover report.

Any Other Significant Implications:

- 7.5 Both services are key public health services and so their procurement and provision is a vital part of the health service.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Musculoskeletal services in Brighton and Hove, CCG report
2. Procurement of a Dermatology Service, CCG report

