

PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

Subject: Contract Award – Mental Health Supported Accommodation
Committee: Cabinet
Date: 11 September 2012
Cabinet Member: Councillor McDonald
CMT Member: Carole Burgoyne, Director for People
Author: Katy Shorten, Commissioning Officer
Contact: Tel - 01752 307078 email - katy.shorten@plymouth.gov.uk
Ref: MHSA
Key Decision: Yes
Part: **Part: I**

Purpose of the report:

This report summarises the recent tender process for a remodelled Mental Health Supported Accommodation Service and recommends award of the contract to a single provider.

Quality mental health supported accommodation services in the community form a crucial part of the pathway for individuals moving out of acute/inpatient and institutional services to full independent living. This contract award will combine and replace three current supported accommodation contracts when they end on 31 March 2013 into a single service specification.

The purpose of the service will be to support people with mental health issues in Plymouth to live full and independent lives. The service will support people to move on from inpatient units, recovery units, Bed & Breakfast and residential care. It will also prevent admission/readmission to hospital and help people to manage/improve mental and physical health. The service will be required to work closely with wider mental health services and Adult Social Care.

The service will initially be expected to support 45 people (across 3 separate locations) at any one time and provide 563 hours of support per week. Service capacities will be reviewed year on year against utilisation performance.

The financial values involved in this tender required a full competitive procurement to take place in order to select the future provider(s).

The contract award report is submitted to Cabinet as a separate confidential report.

Corporate Plan 2012 – 2015:

This service will contribute to the four priorities for delivering the City's vision in the following ways:

Deliver Growth – by supporting people to live independently and access volunteering and employment opportunities.

Raise Aspiration – by supporting people to live independently and access volunteering and employment opportunities.

Reduce Inequality – by improving the mental and physical health of some of the most vulnerable people in the city.

Provide Value for Communities – by selecting the most economically advantageous tender, by supporting the use of volunteers, by engaging local communities, and by remodelling provision to be consistent and high quality.

In addition this service will contribute to the concept of the 'Co-operative Council' by:

- Supporting people who use services to have choice, control and influence over how those services are developed and provided;
- Developing volunteering opportunities including the development of peer support networks;
- Building individual capacity and resilience amongst people with mental health problems (through the development of independent living skills and promotion of recovery);
- Building community resilience by promoting social inclusion and access to universal services.

This service will also deliver against many of the themed commitments in the Corporate Plan, but as it is a service remodel resulting from a review of the adequacy of mental health services (supported accommodation element) it specifically responds to the 'Caring Plymouth' commitment.

Implications for Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications: Including finance, human, IT and land

The total contract value of the new service (over 6 years) will be in the region of £3.1 million and is expected to achieve savings of approximately £800,000 over the life of the contract.

The funding for this service has already been identified within existing Joint Commissioning and Adult Social Care budget so will not require any new investment. The savings have been identified against Adult Social Care delivery plans.

Other Implications: e.g. Child Poverty, Community Safety, Health and Safety, Risk Management and Equality, Diversity and Community Cohesion:

An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed. No adverse impact was identified as a result of this however contract monitoring arrangements will continue to assess any impacts post contract award.

Recommendations & Reasons for recommended action:

To award a three year contract, containing an option to extend the contract for a further three years, to the 'most economically advantageous tenderer' as identified in the Contract Award Report.

Alternative options considered and reasons for recommended action:

The option of not awarding any contract was considered but disregarded due to the importance of ensuring Mental Health Supported Accommodation Services continue to be available.

Background papers:

N/A

Sign off:

Fin	Peop leFA D12 I300 7	Leg	MS/1 5408	HR	N/A	Corp Prop	N/A	IT	N/A	Strat Proc	JK/S PU/ CP/2 90/0 812
Originating SMT Member: Pam Marsden											
Have you consulted the Cabinet Member(s) named on the report? Yes											