

Summary Sheet

Name of Committee and Date of Committee Meeting

Cabinet and Commissioners' Decision Making Meeting - 6 August 2018

Report Title

Response to Recommendations from Scrutiny review - Drug and Alcohol Treatment and Recovery Services

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?

Yes

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report

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Ward(s) Affected

All wards

Summary

Following discussions between Members, officers and health partners about current substance misuse service provision, and with a new contract commencing in April 2018, the Health Select Commission (HSC) decided to undertake a short review (Spotlight Review). The purpose was to ensure that the drug and alcohol service, operating within a reduced budget, would provide a quality, safe service under the new contract.

The review process was undertaken in the autumn of 2017, and a final report was submitted to Council on 23rd May 2018.

Under the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure rules, the Cabinet is required to respond to any recommendations made by scrutiny and this report is submitted to meet that requirement.

Recommendations

That the response to the recommendations of the Scrutiny Review of Drug and Alcohol Treatment and Recovery Services (as set out in Appendix A) be approved.

List of Appendices Included

Appendix A Cabinet's Response to Scrutiny Review: Drug and Alcohol Treatment and Recovery Services

Background Papers

None

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

Health Select Commission

Council Approval Require

No

Exempt from the Press and Public

No

Response to Recommendations from Scrutiny review - Drug and Alcohol Treatment and Recovery Services

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 That the response to the recommendations of the Scrutiny Review of Drug and Alcohol Treatment and Recovery Services (as set out in Appendix A) be approved.

2. Background

- 2.1 Following discussions between Members, officers and health partners about current service provision, and with a new contract commencing in April 2018, the Health Select Commission (HSC) decided to undertake a short review (Spotlight Review). The purpose was to ensure that the drug and alcohol service, operating within a reduced budget, would provide a quality, safe service under the new contract.

- 2.2 The six main objectives of the review were to:

- ascertain the prevalence of people with substance misuse issues in Rotherham
- understand the new service specification and budget
- understand the procurement process undertaken for the new contract
- clarify the key factors in a safe drug and alcohol service
- determine how effective support for people misusing drugs and alcohol is provided, taking account of the diverse needs of service users
- identify how performance is measured and good outcomes achieved

- 2.3 As a result of a recent spike in deaths by suicide or suspected suicide of people known to the Rotherham Drug and Alcohol Service, Rotherham Doncaster and South Humber Mental Health NHS Trust (RDaSH) have undertaken an in depth analysis to identify any themes or trends, to inform future work on suicide prevention through the multi-agency group. Members also decided to consider these findings as part of their spot light review.

3. Key Issues

- 3.1 The review has produced 8 key recommendations, listed in Appendix A, which are accepted by Public Health and will be implemented to the timetable indicated.
- 3.2 Members should note that recommendation 3 is subject to availability of funding.

4. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 4.1 The recommendations and corresponding actions are designed to ensure that despite reduced budgets and a new provider the drugs and alcohol service commissioned by Public Health continues to be a safe, effective and quality service.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 The recommendations and action plan at Appendix A has been shared with RDaSH and Change, Grow, Live (CGL) Rotherham's new Adult Substance Misuse provider (1st April 2018) to ensure their support with implementation.

6. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

- 6.1 The timetable for implementing the recommended actions is set out in the attached schedule (Appendix A).

7. Financial and Procurement Implications

- 7.1 Recommendation 3 is subject to available funding.

8. Legal Implications

- 8.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

9. Human Resources Implications

- 9.1 Officer time needed to implement actions, there are no further implications arising from this report.

10. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

- 10.1 These actions relate to vulnerable adults and Adults Safeguarding Board, actions for which are detailed in appendix A.

11 Equalities and Human Rights Implications

- 11.1 There are no direct equalities or human rights implications arising from this report.

12. Implications for Partners and Other Directorates

- 12.1 Adults Safeguarding Board, and the Suicide Prevention and Self – Harm Group have actions arising from this review.

13. Risks and Mitigation

- 13.1 The purpose of the review was to ensure that the drug and alcohol service, operating within a reduced budget, would provide a quality, safe service under the new contract, the recommendations which are accepted are designed to mitigate that risk.

14. Accountable Officer(s)

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Officers named in Appendix A for specific actions