

Appendix 1: Provider expression of interest pro-forma

PHE capital programme (2013-14) to support adult community or residential based recovery oriented drug and alcohol treatment services

1. Scheme name: Rotherham Recovery Hub (working title only)

2. Contact details:

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(Name of service provider to receive the capital investment)

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3. Project outline

Summary of project:

(The bid should fit with the overarching principles of supporting drug or alcohol recovery in an adult community or residential setting. Please provide a brief summary of the service/project that will benefit from the capital investment)

To purchase and refit new premises to serve as a central recovery hub for the Rotherham Borough. This will bring together the 2 existing services commissioned to deliver recovery within the drug and alcohol treatment system within a context that would facilitate partnership working with the other agencies that are needed to produce positive recovery outcomes, e.g. housing and employment initiatives. This will build upon the recovery momentum that has been building across the treatment system in the past 18 months, harnessing fully the involvement of the service user groups which have outgrown the current space. The service would deliver training space, group intervention and one to one spaces, including SMART recovery and be offered as a free space to AA and NA to meet.

The building would be adapted to include kitchen and refectory, and to develop social enterprise businesses – proposals include moving and expanding the recovery café 'Funki Munki', decorating services, furniture reclamation, printing and design services - that will provide training and education opportunities for people in recovery as they reintegrate into the local community.

Please provide amount of capital funding you are bidding for:

Purchasing a suitable town centre building. £500,000
Full refurbishment and refit for purpose £250,000
Integrated IT infrastructure circa £25,000
Capital set up costs for social enterprise and business innovation projects £125,000
Total £900,000.00

Please provide details of any match funding from other sources:

Lifeline will release £15,000 from current revenue spend on facilities. This will be matched by running costs being released from other providers being co-located. These funds will be used for ongoing revenue costs at the new hub. Lifeline will look to relocate their service delivery to the new hub location and staffing capacities and resources from the current contract will be available to support ongoing delivery of the proposed project.

Please provide evidence of revenue sustainability (if appropriate):

Two current providers, Rotherham Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust (RDaSH) and Lifeline Project will look to relocate significant elements of their current contract delivery to the new recovery hub which will release funds from current rentals and property costs that will be brought to the new project. Staffing and on costs will also be provided as the teams will use the new recovery space as their respective service base. This will ensure sustainability and continuity for the project whilst providing a high impact added value resource for the community in Rotherham which is designed to deliver positive recovery outcomes, promote community cohesion and create growth and sustainability.

Please provide assurance that the local authority will carry forward unspent funds into 2014-15, and that funds will remain committed for the agreed purpose:

Agreement has been made with RMBC finance department that as this delivers key Public health outcomes this would be possible, and managed over 2 financial years.

4. Strategic approach to consultation, need and provision

Please provide evidence that the bid is needs-led and supported via service user consultation:

Commissioners, local strategic planners, treatment provides, service user groups and local stakeholders have been consulted and included in the project planning proposal. There is a broad consensus that the proposal represents an effective response to local needs and will deliver genuine value as the community looks to build on the successes of Rotherham's treatment and recovery initiatives for adults with drug and alcohol misuse issues. Service user groups have been expressing frustration at the current limited facilities for some time, and the evidence is that although growing the current recovery movement is not visible enough to either service users or other providers e.g. GPs.

Lifeline, in partnership with Rotherham Service User Forum (SURF), has undertaken consultation with service users and community members across the district to ascertain peoples' views and level for support for the proposal. The recovery hub will be developed and delivered through a process of co design and consultation, with service user involvement built in to every aspect from the outset. Lifeline are currently commissioned to deliver a peer mentor programme for Rotherham which is having good outcomes in recruiting volunteers, where other areas of service have been less successful, examples include offering crisis services over the Christmas period.

Please describe how the project will address gaps in local provision by supporting capital investment in adult community-based or residential drug or alcohol recovery services:

The local system was very successful at attracting and retaining drug users, particularly opiate users into treatment but has struggled with making an effective transition to delivering recovery from opiate use. The area is characterised by having high numbers of long term methadone users who, although being offered a range of recovery services continue to resist change, and are fearful of the potential loss of both methadone and the benefits packages they receive. The age profile and length of time in treatment continues to grow, and this client group will require intensive input from a range of services to promote the real possibility of a drug free lifestyle. Those newer into treatment will benefit from being presented with a positive image of recovery, and the hub being seen as offering the benefits of a drug free lifestyle. The project will bring together disparate recovery teams, programme elements and service user engagement into a focussed and high impact resource. Currently

there are several recovery treatment elements that are spread across the area and this has had a negative effect of providing treatment options that service users can experience as disjointed. This means it is difficult to work with service users to effectively sequence recovery and treatment options to ensure their most positive outcomes.

Please describe how the project will be embedded within the strategic commissioning arrangements and needs assessment of the local partnership:

Alcohol is a key theme area for the Rotherham health and Wellbeing strategy, Lifeline are currently the providers of the tier 2 alcohol service, some of which would be relocated into this new building, improving facilities and the profile of available help for alcohol problems.

Public Health Outcome Framework reference:- 2.15 Proportion of all in treatment, who successfully completed treatment and did not re-present within 6 months. Split by:-

2.15(i) Successful completion of drug treatment – opiate users.

2.15(ii) Successful completion of drug treatment – non-opiate users.

Rotherham performance November 2012 : Opiates 6.7%, Non opiates 43%.

After an initial upsurge in opiate exits created by the recovery agenda, the remaining people in treatment have been reluctant to view recovery as a realistic option for them. Local needs assessment and consultation recognises that the lack of visible recovery is a feature of this, including with local GPs who care for over 50% of this population, but many of whom have never seen anyone successfully come off opiate substitution therapy.

In addition to commissioning recovery services in Rotherham, to meet the needs of the drug users already described, there are recognised features of heavy dependant drinking and a continued increase in new opiate users which is against the national picture. Work with some of the newer opiate users is challenging as it requires a range of interpretation services and cultural challenges, promoting recovery through independence would support the wider health and Wellbeing Strategy.

Please describe how the project will fit within the wider recovery system, delivering recovery focused drug or alcohol treatment for adults in community-based or residential services:

The new recovery services will be integrated and strategically linked to the current Tier 2 and Tier 3 Drug and Alcohol services across Rotherham. They will provide a robust pathway to recovery and meaningful opportunities to build social and personal capital for clients moving away from treatment and towards social reintegration. Clients who access the recovery services will be trained and supported to act as peer mentors and recovery champions providing a lived example of success to others and working in partnership with service providers to add capacity and effectiveness to the treatment system. There will also be a programme of activity designed to host GP training and meetings at the venue to promote recovery options to GPs.

The new recovery services will form a link to wider community assets focussed on areas such as employment, training and education, volunteering and community engagement work. Through the proposed social enterprises the recovery services will link to local business and have positive input to the local economy.

5. Quality and monitoring

Please describe the type of service and confirm that systems are in place to ensure compliance with NDTMS reporting:

The proposal is for a recovery and abstinence service that will be fully integrated with the wider treatment system in Rotherham. The current service providers who are joining to deliver the new recovery hub service both report to NDTMS currently and have the data and clinical governance structures and processes necessary to ensure full compliance with local, regional and national reporting requirements including NDTMS.

6. Delivery timetable

Please briefly outline the delivery timetable for the project:

Identification of a suitable building and purchase would be undertaken within the first 9 months, allowing for full public consultation on use by lifeline.

Refurbishment to opening would be a further 3 months, opening within 12 months of any funds being awarded. The recommissioning of the existing services would be undertaken concurrently.

Lifeline would also continue to rapidly build the service user resource base, and both Public health and lifeline would establish mechanisms for building partnerships with other agencies, e.g. chamber of commerce who would support the new initiatives.

7. Additional Information

Please use this space to provide any additional information you feel is appropriate:

The safer Rotherham partnership met on the 8th Jan 2014, and a key item in the agenda was the issue of how to promote recovery within a context of community safety and a climate of economic challenge. This project would offer the opportunity to address both by enabling service users to become part of the solution, rather than part of the problem.

8. Risks to delivery

Please provide details of any possible risks to delivery and actions to mitigate these risks:

Possible risk for a project of this nature will, by its nature, include the continuity of revenue funding in order that the project can be sustainably delivered in the future.

To mitigate this risk for the current proposal the commissioners and local strategic planners, together with service providers, local stakeholders and service users are committed to working in partnership to use current capacity and resources to secure the immediate future of these projects. All parties will be working together to identify funding from within current budgets, together with identifying additional resources and funding streams that can be drawn on. The model includes social enterprise development which is designed to allow the projects to become, in part, self sufficient building further resilience into the proposal.

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