

Agenda item:

Title of meeting: Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Public Health

Subject: Section 75 for Integrated Commissioning Unit: Extension for a period of six months

Date of meeting: 26th September 2016

Report by: Director of Integrated Commissioning Unit

Wards affected: All wards

Key decision: No

Budget and Policy Framework Decision : No

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To seek approval of the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Public Health to further extend the section 75 agreement for the Integrated Commissioning Unit (ICU) on an interim basis.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Cabinet member delegate authority to the Director of Adult Social Services and the Director of Financial Services/Section 151 Officer to extend the current section 75 agreement for ICU for a period of eighteen months from Oct 16 to March 18.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Integrated Commissioning Unit was established in 2010 to jointly commission some health and social care services on behalf of PCC and the Primary Care Trust (PCT). Those functions of the PCT have subsequently been assumed by the CCG.
- 3.2 The ICU sec 75 agreement completed its second term in March 2016. An extension for six months until Sept 16 was approved by the Health and Social Care Cabinet in March 16.
- 3.3 The ICU covers a comprehensive work programme for the Council and CCG which includes commissioning all out of hospital health services for older people, adults and children, integrated health and social care teams, managing the contracts for all people's services and Better Care programme.
- 3.4 The ICU has 37 staff members in all of which 12 are CCG staff seconded in to the Council; the team has a single management, shared accommodation and one business plan covering health and social care commissioning.

- 3.5 As part of delivering the Portsmouth blueprint and progressing the health and social care integration the existing arrangements for Commissioning in the Council and CCG are being reviewed. It is likely the Commissioning roles and teams will change through an agreed restructuring process between the CCG and Council. This will also impact on the ICU's current team structure. Initial discussion and dialogue has started between the Council and CCG and it is expected that future commissioning arrangements will be agreed and put in place by March 18.
- 3.6 During this period it is in the Council and CCG interest to ensure continuity of the extensive work programme undertaken by the ICU. There also needs to be a level of stability for staff members until longer term appropriate arrangements are put in place.
- 3.7 It is recommended that the current section 75 agreement be extended for a period of eighteen months on the same terms to allow for continuity of business and adequate time to develop and agree new arrangements.
- 3.8 This will be an interim agreement as appropriate sec 75 agreement/s will need to be developed to reflect the revised commissioning arrangements.

4. Reasons for recommendations

- 4.1 The extension of the existing sec 75 agreement will ensure business continuity for the service and enable the Director of ASS to provide stability to staff members.

5. Equality impact assessment (EIA)

- 5.1 The integrated commissioning arrangement was supported by an EIA and continuing the arrangement does not impact on any of the positions put forward at that time.

6. Finance comments

- 6.1 There are no additional financial implications arising as a result of this recommendation as the funding for sec 75 agreement is within agreed budget.

7. Legal comments

- 7.1 Section 75 of the NHS Act 2006 allows local authorities and NHS bodies to enter into partnership arrangements to provide a joined service and pool resources, if such arrangements are likely to lead to an improvement in the way their functions are exercised.

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Signed by: Innes Richens

Appendices: Section 75 Agreement dated 1st April 2013 between PCC and PCCG

Background list of documents:

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected by on

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