

**OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
FOR HUMBERSIDE
DECISION RECORD**

Decision Record Number: **25/2018**

Title: **Extension of Existing Contract for Substance Misuse in the East Riding**

Executive Summary:

This paper outlines the case for extending the arrangements for the Police and Crime Commissioner Funding of East Riding drug and alcohol treatment for 2019 - 2020 to allow for an extension of the community drug and alcohol treatment services contracts.

The Commissioner provides funding as a contribution towards the existing service contract costs and the criminal justice team for substance misuse within the East Riding.

Decision:

That the request for extending the existing contract be approved so that the East Riding substance misuse service can continue until 2020, at a total cost £114,000 per annum.

Background Report: Open

Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with my code of conduct. Any such interests are recorded below.

The above request has my approval.

Signature



Date

14-9-18.

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
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SUBMISSION FOR: /DECISION

OPEN

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Date: 9th September 2018

1. Executive Summary

This paper outlines the case for extending the arrangements for the Police and Crime Commissioner Funding of East Riding drug and alcohol treatment for 2019 -2020 to allow for an extension of the community drug and alcohol treatment services contracts.

The Commissioner provides funding as a contribution towards the existing service contract costs which relate to the provision of interventions for criminal justice related intervention within the sphere of substance misuse delivery. Continuing the service will continue to produce results in reducing crime in Humberside and therefore directly supports the Police and Crime Plan.

2. Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that the PCC supports the request for extending the existing contract so that the substance misuse service in the East Riding can continue until 1st April 2020 at a total cost of £114,000 per annum.

3. Background

Prior to the transfer of Home Office Drug Intervention Programme (DIP) funding to the Police and Crime Commission in 2012 the East Riding was the only "lower intensity" DIP area in the East Riding. This meant that, unlike the other Local Authority areas in Humberside there was no funding for providing drug testing or arrest referral workers in custody suites. As a result the East Riding has had a dedicated criminal justice team for over 10 years and this was kept in the recent re-tender.

Work in the criminal justice system is seen as an important and integral part of the East Riding Drug and Alcohol Treatment services. East Riding Public Health also supports the Community Safety Partnership, with Commissioner for Drug and Alcohol Treatment and the East Riding Reducing Re-offending Board. This work facilitates the East Riding Criminal Justice team working closely with other partners in the criminal justice system, including the National Probation Service, Community Rehabilitation Service and local prisons.

The main services provided by the criminal justice team are as follows:

- *Assertive outreach – this includes required assessments for people testing positive for drugs on arrest, liaison with, and receiving referrals and assessing offenders for Drug Rehabilitation Requirements (DRRs) and Alcohol Treatment Requirements (ATRs) and work with offenders not enforced through court orders.*
- *Community sentences addressing drug and alcohol use – mainly DRRs and ATRs.*
- *Through care and Aftercare – this is work with prisoners who have drug and alcohol problems on release and liaising with prison drug treatment teams.*
- *Support to the Integrated Offenders Management Team, a service provided jointly by the Community Rehabilitation Company and Humberside Police working with persistent and high volume offenders, many of whom have offending related to drug and alcohol use.*

This service contributes to the three key aims of the Police and Crime Plan. These are:

- To deliver increasingly self-sustaining and safe communities in the Humber area: Reducing drug related crime increases the safety and cohesion of communities through reducing the market for drugs and the damage to communities done by drug and alcohol related crime.
- To build public confidence in the agencies involved in creating safer communities: Effective drug and alcohol treatment can increase the public's confidence that drug and alcohol related crime is being addressed and in particular effective community sentences can reduce re-offending and pressure on other parts of the criminal justice system, particularly the prison service.
- To provide services to victims and the most vulnerable that meets their needs: Some drug and alcohol related offenders, particularly women, are also victims of abuse and adverse childhood experiences. Drug and alcohol services support the work of the domestic abuse team and are working with the Safeguarding Board to reduce the harms caused by parental substance misuse.

Continuing the service will continue to produce results in reducing crime in East Riding and therefore directly supports the Police and Crime Plan.

4. Options and Risks

Option A – Agree to fully fund the additional extension at a cost of £114,000 per annum. This would ensure that local people needing substance misuse services will continue to receive support. The current contract allows for an extension for a further two years, until April 2021 but an extension of one year is currently being sought to take the contract until April 2020. The Government’s intention is that this will be the last year of the current Public Health Grant to local authorities and after this public health spending will be devolved to local authorities and funded through retained business rates, though the details of how this policy will work are not yet available. Based on this it would be mindful to extend for 12 months only to allow for this approach to be established and contributions OPCC agreed.

Option B – Agree a reduced amount. This would mean that the service provider would suffer a shortfall in contractual income with little feasible headroom to reduce costs. This option presents risks that local people requiring support are unable to do so with consequences for their health and wellbeing. There is also a risk that the current provider decides not to agree an extension to the current contract and simply ceases to provide.

The Drug and Alcohol Criminal Justice Team has received some additional funding from the East Riding Community Safety Partnership to work with difficult to engage high need offenders with a combination of substance misuse, mental health and housing difficulties who are “revolving door” prisoners. This, relatively small group of offenders, are responsible for a disproportionate number of offences and are also likely to take up a lot of public resource (including attendance at accident and emergency, hospital admissions, police time, court appearances and short prison sentences. If option B was progressed it may diminish the impact of this work.

Option C – Agree not to fund at all. The risks at Option B above would arise if this option were agreed.

5. Financial Implications

Should option A be agreed then there are no financial implications other than cost of the annual cost of the grant to be met.

6. Legal Implications

There are no legal implications if Option A is agreed. There may be legal issues should Option B or Option C be agreed.

7. Equalities Implications

There are no equalities issues to be considered.

8. Consultation

The Commissioning Manager (Substance Misuse) for East Riding has been the principal advisor on the requirement to extend. There is no need to consult others if Option A is agreed. .

9. Media information

None.

10. Background documents

None.

11. Publication

Open

PLEASE COMPLETE AND APPEND THE FOLLOWING TABLE TO ALL REPORTS THAT REQUIRE A DECISION FROM THE COMMISSIONER

This matrix provides a simple check list for the things you need to have considered within your report. If there are no implications please state

I have informed and sought advice from HR, Legal, Finance, OPCC officer(s) etc prior to submitting this report for official comments	Yes
Is this report proposing an amendment to the budget?	Yes
Value for money considerations have been accounted for within the report	Yes
The report is approved by the relevant Chief Officer	Yes
I have included any procurement/commercial issues/implications within the report	Yes
I have liaised with Corporate Communications on any communications issues	No –None required

I have completed an Equalities Impact Assessment and the outcomes are included within the report	No - None required
I have included any equalities, diversity and or human rights implications within the report	Yes – There are none
Any Health and Safety implications are included within the report	Yes – in broad terms on the health and wellbeing impact on service users
I have included information about how this report contributes to the delivery of the Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan	Yes