

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Decision Report**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health
Date:	24 January 2014
Title:	Single Tender Approval for Mental Health Wellbeing Services in the New Forest
Reference:	5511
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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to seek authority from the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health, for a Single Tender Approval (STA) to award the contract for Wellbeing Services in the New Forest.
- 1.2 The requested Single Tender Approval is requested to enable the transfer of the current contract from the current service provider Social Care in Action (SCA) to Solent Mind. The change of provider will ensure the continuity of the service, therefore minimising the potential for distress to service users and their carers.

2. Contextual Information

- 2.1 Permission to tender for these services was originally given by the Executive Member for Adult Social Care on 16 May 2011 (reference 2165) and Wellbeing Centres have been operational throughout Hampshire since September 2012. They were commissioned to support individuals in their recovery from mental health problems. Wellbeing Centres are able to deliver health and social care outcomes, supporting individuals to access settled housing, gaining and retaining paid employment, improving their physical and mental health, and reducing their social isolation.
- 2.2 The current provider has agreed with The Council that it is not able to continue with the current contract.

3. Proposed Procurement approach

- 3.1 To ensure continuity of care, and to minimise disruption to service users, approval is sought to award a contract on a single tender basis to provide

Wellbeing Services for residents of the New Forest with mental health problems.

- 3.2 It is proposed that the contract is awarded by novating the existing contract to the new provider. This means that the contract will be transferred with the same terms and conditions as the original contract which has an initial term to 31 August 2015, with an option to extend until 31 August 2017. The original term of the contract was for three years with the option to extend for an additional two years (3 years +1+1).
- 3.3 The proposal to award the contract to Solent Mind follows careful consideration and is based on Solent Mind:
- Having a strong track record in providing Wellbeing services throughout Hampshire.
 - Being the second placed organisation in the recent tender exercise for Wellbeing services in the New Forest.
 - Having knowledge and sufficient current experience of working within the New Forest.
 - Owning some of the buildings currently being used as Wellbeing Centres in the New Forest they are also able to minimise any disruption to service users.

4. Revenue

- 4.1 The cost of the current contracts for Wellbeing services is already being paid and met from existing social care and West Hampshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) budgets.
- 4.2 The STA is required to be authorised by the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health as the full value of the contract for the whole term including any possible extensions is £1.25m (5 years at £250,000 per annum).
- 4.3 The total costs for the service for the remainder of the contract including extensions are as follows:

February 2014 – August 2014	£146,000
September 2014 – August 2015	£250,000
September 2015 – August 2016	£250,000
September 2016 – August 2017	£250,000
Total	£896,000

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 Council Standing Orders and procurement regulations govern the procurement of services. A request for a Single Tender Approval is a request to waive Council Standing Orders and depart from usual practice. As such it

may only be used in exceptional circumstances and with appropriate approval.

- 5.2 In exercising its functions an authority must have due regard to the need to:

Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Equalities Act and advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

6. HR Implications

- 6.1 As the New Forest Wellbeing Services will be provided by an independent Service Provider there are no Hampshire County Council staff issues involved with this development.

- 6.2 It is considered that TUPE may apply in this instance; however the transfer of existing staff is an issue to be resolved between the outgoing and incoming providers.

7. Equalities Impact Assessment

- 7.1 An Equalities Impact Assessment was carried out as part of the Mental Health Community Support Services remodelling project on 1 April 2011.

- 7.2 In general, where data is available, the characteristics of people using Wellbeing Services in New Forest meet the characteristics of the local population. Wellbeing services are used exclusively by people with Mental Health problems. The commissioning of Wellbeing Services in the New Forest will help to support the health and social care needs of these individuals.

8. Recommendations

- 8.1 That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health give approval to award the contract via Single Tender Approval to Solent Mind to provide Mental Health Wellbeing services to support individuals in the New Forest for the remainder of the initial term with an option to extend by a further two years with a total authorised spend of up to £1.25m.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
Permission to undertake a competitive tendering exercise for Mental Health Community Support services	<u>Reference</u> 2165	<u>Date</u> 16 May 2011
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	
Section 100 D – Local Government Act 1972 – background documents		
The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)		
<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>	
None		

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

- 1.1 A full Equalities Impact Assessment was completed on 1 April 2011. The summary findings were:

Hampshire County Council commissions a range of services that provide support to people with serious Mental Health problems in the community.

These services are currently being reviewed and will be remodelled following a wide consultation on Community Services as part of the Joint Hampshire Commissioning Strategy for Mental Health.

Hampshire County Council is determined that the services we commission will be of benefit to everyone in the community who is eligible to receive them.

Adult Services, in partnership with NHS Hampshire and the providers of these services, will check that they are being used by members of groups that are sometimes at risk of being isolated and marginalised.

Where there is evidence of groups not using the services being provided, we will ask providers to prepare action plans to explain how this will be addressed.

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/eia-mental-health-community-support.htm>

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

- 2.1 It is not anticipated that the proposals suggested in this paper will impact on crime and disorder.

3. Climate Change:

- i. **How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint/energy consumption?**

It is not anticipated that the proposals suggested in this paper will impact on our carbon footprint or energy consumption.

- ii. **How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?**