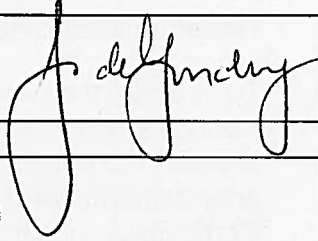




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Report for:	Cabinet 17 th December 2013	Item Number:	
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Title:	Approval for expenditure for public health services with Whittington Health NHS Trust under the new Health and Social Care Act 2012 commissioning arrangements
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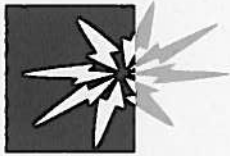
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1. Describe the issue under consideration

- 1.1. This report details expenditure for the provision of services reallocated to the Council as part of the new commissioning responsibilities inherited under the Health and Social Care Act 2012. The changes in commissioning responsibilities flowing from the 2012 Act are reflected in a Deed of Variation between NHS Islington Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) as the co-ordinating CCG and Whittington Health NHS Trust. Haringey Council is also to be a party to the Deed of Variation as an Associate Commissioner.
- 1.2. Cabinet approval is sought for the expenditure which the Council will assume as part of the restructured commissioning arrangements. The expenditure is for the provision of the following services: school nursing, contraception and sexual health, genito-urinary medicine, dental health promotion, the sexual health on call service, the family nurse programme and the parent and infant psychology service.

2. Cabinet member introduction

- 2.1. A number of services previously commissioned by the NHS became the responsibility of Haringey council on 1st April 2013 in accordance with regulations under the Health and Social Care Act 2012.



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2.2. The Cabinet report from December 2012 described the transfer of various contracts from the NHS to the council, including this Whittington Health NHS Trust contract.

2.3. I welcome the final outcome relating to the transition of the public health services within the Whittington Health NHS Trust contract detailed in the 'Deed of Variation'. The public health services focus on prevention and early intervention to improve the health of children, young people and adults.

3. Recommendations

3.1. To approve the variation of the Whittington Health NHS contract to clarify the Council's commissioning responsibilities including its share of expenditure for the provision of public health services and associated changes to the contract arrangements as set out in a Deed of Variation between Islington Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) as the co-ordinating CCG and Whittington Health NHS Trust to which Haringey Council is to be a party as an Associate Commissioner.

4. Alternative options considered

4.1. No alternative options were considered as the previous commissioner NHS North Central London had agreed a two year block contract with NHS Whittington Health for 2012/13 and 2013/14.

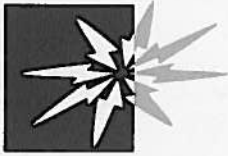
4.2. The block contract ends 31st March 2014. The intention is for Haringey council to hold its own contract for these services from 2014/15.

5. Background information

5.1. Whittington Health NHS Trust provides a number of hospital and community services. In 2011 NHS North Central London negotiated a block two year contract with Whittington Health NHS Trust for 2012/13 and 2013/14.

5.2. In April 2013 in accordance with regulations under the Health and Social Care Act 2012 commissioning responsibility for various services transferred to different organisations as NHS North Central London ceased to exist. A number of local authorities, various Clinical Commissioning Groups and NHS England were given responsibility for different elements of the block contract. The new commissioning bodies that have taken over responsibility under the block contract for these services need to enter into a Deed of Variation of the contract to clarify the apportionment between them of the transferred commissioning responsibilities including in relation to expenditure on the services.

5.3. The Deed of Variation includes the transfer of the following public health services; the school nursing service; the contraception and sexual health service; the genito-urinary service; dental health promotion and the sexual health on call service. The



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Deed of Variation also includes new investment in two existing services to increase the 'reach' of the service to Haringey residents (the Family Nurse Partnership programme and the Parent and Infant Psychology Service).

6. Procurement process

- 6.1 NHS Islington Clinical Commissioning Group is named as the lead commissioner for the Whittington Health contract with 21 CCGs and 5 local authorities as associate commissioners. The North & East London Commissioning Support Unit has worked with all commissioners to disaggregate the expenditure. The public health team has agreed the disaggregated budgets for each service. For Haringey council the expenditure will be £4.3 million over 2013/14.
- 6.2 The public health team has reviewed and revised the existing NHS service specifications and developed new ones where they had previously not existed. For each service public health has established regular performance monitoring meetings to manage activity and expenditure.
- 6.3 The Deed of Variation will reflect the disaggregation of expenditure between the new commissioning bodies for the Whittington Health contract. It will also effect other ancillary variations to the contract to bring it into line with the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and with the NHS Standard Contract published by the NHS Commissioning Board for 2013/14.

7. Comments of the Chief Finance Officer and financial implications

- 7.1 Responsibility for commissioning public health services including sexual health passed to local authorities on 1st April 2013 as a consequence of the Health and Social Care Act. These responsibilities are funded by the Public Health Grant, which for Haringey amounts to £17.587m in 2013-14.
- 7.2 Within this total grant allocation, budget provision has been made for the services covered by this contract. The cost of the various services are given below:

	£000
School nursing	£769
Contraception, sexual health and genito- urinary medicine	£3,330
Sexual health on call	£54
Dental health promotion	£77
Family nurse partnership	£76
Parent and infant psychology	£40

- 7.3 Most of these services are largely fixed cost and there is full budget provision for the cost; however the exception is the sexual health component which is a demand led service. Demand for this service has been increasing in recent years leading to budget pressures and the projected cost exceeds the originally



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budgeted amount (£2.3m) leading to a pressure which is being managed within the overall Public Health grant.

8. Head of Legal Services and legal implications

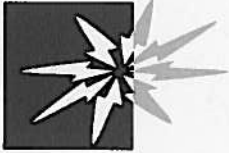
- 8.1 The Head of Legal Services notes the recommendations in the report.
- 8.2 The approval sought is for a variation to an existing contract with the Whittington Trust for public health services. The contract was transferred, with effect from 1st April 2013, to the Council and other commissioning bodies pursuant to the Health and Social Care Act 2012. The proposed variation involves the Council assuming new commissioning responsibilities for the services transferred under the contract, including responsibility for expenditure of £4.3m.
- 8.3 As this approval relates to expenditure of over £500,000, it is a Key Decision and needs to be taken by the Cabinet. As it is a Key Decision, it is also required to be included in the Forward Plan. The Public Health Directorate has confirmed that this has been done.
- 8.4 The Head of Legal Services confirms that there are no legal reasons preventing Members from approving the recommendations in this report.

9. Equalities and Community Cohesion comments

- 9.1 The various public health services support the delivery of a key element of the Council's equality objectives and one of the priorities in the Council Plan namely to reduce health inequalities and improve wellbeing for all. The sexual health services will also help deliver the priority to enable young people and adults to exercise choice in reproductive and sexual health. The Family Nurse Partnership programme and the school nursing service contribute to 'giving every child the best start in life'. The proposals outlined in this report will support the Council's performance on its public sector equality duty.

10. Head of Procurement comments

- 10.1 The variation is requested as a consequence of the Health and Social Care Act. The deed of variation is required to underpin the changes in commissioning responsibilities which is now split between a numbers of different partners.
- 10.2 The current contract ends 31st March 2014. Central Procurement will support Public health to have its own council contract for 2014/15.
- 10.3 Service specifications have been put in place and regular performance monitoring meetings established to manage activity and expenditure.
- 10.4 Central Procurement supports the recommendation in this report.



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11. Policy implication

- 11.1. These services are also linked to the Corporate Plan and its four key council priorities: outstanding for all (enabling all Haringey children to thrive), safety and wellbeing for all, opportunities for all, and a better Council.
- 11.2. In the Corporate Plan there is a specific sexual health priority. Priority 6: Reduce health inequalities and improve wellbeing for all through: Enabling young people and adults to exercise choice in reproductive and sexual health.

12. Reasons for decision

- 12.1. The 'Deed of Variation' outlines the public health services within the existing two year NHS block contract that were transferred to Haringey council in April 2013.

13. Use of Appendices

- 13.1. None

14. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

