

**Decision Maker:** Portfolio Holder

**Date:** For Scrutiny by the Adult Care & Health Services Policy Development  
Scrutiny Committee on 30/06/2020

**Decision Type:** Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

**Title:** **CONSIDERATION FOR AGREEMENT TO VARY THE  
CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF SEXUAL HEALTH  
SERVICES**

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**Ward:** All Wards

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## 1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 Local Sexual Health and Contraception Services are delivered through a number of contracts and their different expiry dates prohibit a whole system re-procurement.
- 1.2 This report should be read in conjunction with the accompanying Part 2 report. It requests authorisation to vary the contract with Bromley Healthcare CIC for the provision of Sexual Health Early Intervention Services which expires on 30 September 2021 and extend it further for a period of six months. This will align the expiry date of the local sexual health and contraception contracts to expire on 31st March 2022 and allow Commissioners to develop an appropriate commissioning strategy for Executive approval later in the year.

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## 2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 2.1 Members are asked to note the current service provision and the model of delivery, and:
  - Note the procurement options detailed below;
  - Approve the variation of the Bromley Healthcare CIC Sexual Health Early Intervention Service to further extend the contract for a period of six months from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022;
  - Note that a report outlining the future procurement strategy for sexual health services will be presented for Executive approval later in the year.

## Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact: Public Health programmes benefit vulnerable adults and children

## Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing policy
  2. BBB Priority: Children & Young People; Excellent Council; Safe Bromley; Supporting Independence and Healthy Bromley
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## Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Estimated cost £467k over 6 months
  2. Ongoing costs: Recurring cost. £934k per annum
  3. Budget head/performance centre: Public Health-Sexual Health
  4. Total current budget for this head: £3,052k
  5. Source of funding: Public Health Grant
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## Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): N/A
  2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
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## Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory Requirement
  2. Call-in: Call-in is applicable
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## Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): None
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## Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? N/A
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: N/A

### **3. COMMENTARY**

- 3.1 Bromley Healthcare provides a comprehensive range of contraception, HIV care and support, and web based sexual health information and advice that supports prevention and self care, along with sign posting to local services and available treatments to the Bromley population. This contract expires on 30 September 2020 with delegated authority available to extend the contract for a further year to 30 September 2021.
- 3.2 In Bromley, sexual health and contraception services are co-located at Beckenham Beacon and do not offer an integrated offer, unlike other London sexual health open access services which are delivering an integrated service in line with the national service specification. The sexual health service (GUM provision) is delivered by King's and is a five year contract which ends on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2022.
- 3.3 Given the rise in sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and repeat abortions, it is increasingly important to provide an integrated one-stop shop offer to enable opportunistic detection of STIs and reduce unplanned pregnancies. The integrated offer has the potential to enhance access i.e. one appointment versus two and utilisation of clinical resources that has the potential to improve cost effectiveness.

### **4. SUMMARY OF THE BUSINESS CASE**

- i) The variation will align both Bromley Healthcare contract (currently due to expire on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020), and the King's contract to expire on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2022. This alignment will enable the future commissioning of an integrated service which is a model advocated by the national sexual health specification.
- ii) Such variation will also allow commisioners to explore the opportunity of a more joined up local sexual health system brought about by the local place based NHS for achieving further savings at the same time improving access and service user experience.

#### **4.1 OPTIONS APPRAISAL**

4.1.1 **Option 1:** Do Nothing and allow the contract to end on the expiry date:

4.1.2 **Option 2:** Extend the contract for the final one year period and tender the servic

4.1.3 **Option 3:** Approve the variation of the Bromley Healthcare Sexual Health Community Early Intervention Service to further extend for a period of six months from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022;

#### **4.2 PREFERRED OPTION**

4.2.1 Option 3: Approve a waiver to exempt from tendering and vary :

- The Bromley Healthcare Sexual Health Community Early Intervention Service to further extend for a period of six months from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> march 2022.

### **4.3 MARKET CONSIDERATIONS**

- 4.3.1 Integrated sexual health service joining up GUM and contraception services is the model of care endorsed by clinicians and their professional bodies. An integrated service also meets the national specification which is preferred and delivered by providers.

### **5. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT**

- 5.1 The potential variation of Bromley Healthcare contract to 31 March 2022 was discussed and Bromley Healthcare welcomes the proposal but understands that it will not be extended beyond that date and re-tendering of the contract will be necessary.

### **6. SUSTAINABILITY AND IMPACT ASSESSMENTS**

- 6.1 This option provides an adequate timeframe for the exploration of a more integrated service that is aligned to the national service specification and enable further integration between community and primary services in a way that will bring a more sustainable financial position that will support the council in meeting the requirement of provision of statutory services in times of a much more stringent and financially challenging environment

### **7. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

- 7.1 This service meets the councils objectives within “Building a Better Bromley” for a Healthy Bromley.

### **8 IT AND GDPR CONSIDERATIONS**

- 8.1 The proposed option does not have any IT and/or GDPR implications as these have already been considered and scrutinised for the existing contract. The alternative option to follow a tender procurement process will require a review of current IT processes including system integration considerations and data transfer implications.

### **9. PROCUREMENT RULES**

Detailed in the Part 2 report.

### **10. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Detailed in the Part 2 report.

### **11. PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS**

- 11.1 Staff are employed by Bromley Healthcare CIC and therefore no personnel considerations for the Council.

## 12. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

12.1 Detailed in the Part 2 report.

<b>Non-Applicable Sections:</b>	<b>Service Profile / Data Analysis Procurement and Project Timescales and Governance Arrangements</b>
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Not Applicable