

STRATEGIC COMMISSIONING BOARD

29 September 2021

Comm: 1.00pm

Term: 1.30pm

Present: Dr Ashwin Ramachandra – NHS Tameside & Glossop CCG (Chair)
Councillor Brenda Warrington – Tameside MBC
Councillor Warren Bray – Tameside MBC
Councillor Gerald P Cooney – Tameside MBC
Councillor Leanne Feeley – Tameside MBC
Councillor Allison Gwynne – Tameside MBC
Councillor Eleanor Wills – Tameside MBC
Steven Pleasant – Tameside MBC Chief Executive & Accountable Officer
Dr Asad Ali – NHS Tameside & Glossop CCG
Dr Christine Ahmed – NHS Tameside & Glossop CCG
Dr Kate Hebden – NHS Tameside & Glossop CCG
Dr Vinny Khunger – NHS Tameside & Glossop CCG

In Attendance:

Sandra Stewart	Director of Governance & Pensions
Kathy Roe	Director of Finance
Richard Hancock	Director of Children's Services
Ian Saxon	Director of Place
Steph Butterworth	Director of Adults Services
Jess Williams	Director of Commissioning
Caroline Barlow	Assistant Director of Finance
Emma Varnam	Assistant Director, Operations and Neighbourhoods
James Mallion	Interim Assistant Director of Population Health
Paul Smith	Assistant Director, Strategic Property
Gregg Stott	Assistant Director, Investment, Development and Housing

Apologies for absence: Councillor Kitchen – Tameside MBC – who participated in the meeting virtually
Councillors Fairfoull and Ryan – Tameside MBC
Carol Prowse – NHS Tameside & Glossop CCG

Further to the decision of Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council (Meeting of 25 May 2021), to enable the Clinical Commissioning General Practitioners to take part in decisions of the Strategic Commissioning Board, whilst they continue to support the NHS in dealing with the pandemic that all future meetings of the SCB remain virtual until further notice with any formal decisions arising from the published agenda being delegated to the chair of the SCB taking into the account the prevailing view of the virtual meeting and these minutes reflect those decisions.

34. CHAIR'S INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that to enable the Clinical Commissioning General Practitioner to take part in decisions of the Strategic Commissioning Board, whilst they continued to support the NHS in dealing with the pandemic, the meeting would be a hybrid of remote and physical presence.

As a physical presence was required to formally take decisions, any formal decisions arising from the published agenda have been delegated to the Chair, taking into the account the prevailing view of the virtual meeting.

The only people in the room were the Executive Members, the Chief Executive and Accountable Officer, Monitoring Officer, Democratic Services Officer and the Chair.

35. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest submitted by Board members.

36. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Strategic Commissioning Board held on 25 August 2021 be approved as a correct record.

37. MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meetings of the Executive Board held on: 11 August 2021, be noted.

38. CONSOLIDATED 2021/22 REVENUE MONITORING STATEMENT AT 31 JULY 2021

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member for Finance and Economic Growth / Lead Clinical GP / Director of Finance. The financial monitoring report for 2021/22 financial year reflected actual expenditure to 31 July 2021 (Month 4) and forecasts to 31 March 2022 for the Council and 30 September 2021 for the CCG.

Members were advised that the Strategic Commission was facing a total forecast overspend of £7.153m for the year ending 31 March 2022. A substantial proportion of this forecast related to demand pressures in Children's and Adults Social Care.

It was stated that budgets continued to face significant pressures across many service areas. COVID pressures remained as a meaningful factor in this, with pressures arising from additional costs or demand and shortfalls of council income. It was explained that targeted COVID funding would continue into 2021/22 to address COVID related pressures.

Members were reminded that Council Budgets were facing significant pressures which were not directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic, with significant forecast overspends in Adults and Children's Social Care being the main contributors to a net forecast overspend of (£6,214k). This was an improvement of £636k due to positive movements in Operations and Neighbourhoods and Children's Services.

The CCG was reporting a forecast overspend of (£939k) but this was purely presentational to align to the way the CCG must report and reconcile with the formal monthly return submitted to NHS England. Fundamentally the position was breakeven. The variance related to the Hospital Discharge Programme which was due to be reimbursed under the COVID protocols by October 2021.

RESOLVED

That the report and the forecast outturn position and associated risks for 2021/22 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted.

39. DEMENTIA SUPPORT WORKER CONTRACT TENDER

A report was submitted by the Executive Member, Adult Social Care and Health / Clinical Lead / Director of Commissioning, setting out the requirements for a Dementia Support Worker Service within each Neighbourhood in Tameside.

It was reported that the Dementia Support Worker Service within each Neighbourhood in Tameside was a role delivered by the Alzheimer's Society and interfaced directly with Primary Care Networks (PCN). It was explained that the service was initially commissioned as a 3 year pilot through Care Together (under a TMBC contract), with agreement for ongoing funding from the CCG following review of impact. Members were informed that a one year extension was sought and granted by the Strategic Commissioning Board in 2020/21 due to the impact of Covid and the challenges of taking a service out to full tender during those uncertain times.

The report sought support in proceeding to direct contract award for a Dementia Support Worker Service for a three year contract with a total value of £330,000.

RESOLVED

That the CCG be supported in proceeding to direct contract award (under the revised GM contracting principles) for a Dementia Support Worker Service for a three year contract. Total contract value £330,000.

Proposal	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Dementia Support Worker	£110,000	£110,000	£110,000

40. GM CONTRACTING PRINCIPLES AND EXTENSION OF TAMESIDE AND GLOSSOP CONTRACTS

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member, Adult Services / CCG Co-Chair / Director of Commissioning, setting out plans for NHS Tameside and Glossop contracts in the context of the formation of the Greater Manchester Derbyshire ICS.

Members were advised that as part of the preparations for the formation of the GM ICS the GM CCG Chief Finance Officers and Directors of Commissioning approved several principles to ensure consistency in their approach in contracting that included the extension of contracts to provide stability during the transition. In particular this included the extension of VCSE contracts for the maximum extension period of up to three years (to 31/03/25) and the extension of IS contracts including Primary Care contracts other than GMS, PMS and APMS, to a maximum extension of two years (to 31/03/24).

Advice from the Head of Market Management at GMSS, NHS E/I NW Director of Finance and Star Procurement was that extending contracts was the pragmatic approach providing that one off resources were not being committed that would not be available in the future. The risk of challenge to the extensions was deemed as low and procuring contracts at this stage would not be efficient way of working, as it would provide some risk to the ongoing conversations regarding Integrated Care Systems and their functionality.

The Director of Commissioning stated that the CCG had considered forty two contracts that were due to end before March 2024 and identified the commissioning intention for each to provide the stability whilst enabling planned service redesign to continue and also ensuring that no non-recurrent funding commitment extended beyond the period that funding was available.

RESOLVED

That the Commissioning Intentions be approved in line with the Greater Manchester Contracting Principles as follows:

(i) The extension of the following contracts directly held by Tameside and Glossop:

Provider name	Commissioning Intention
Connect Health	Extend for two years to end on 31 March 2024.
Diagnostic Healthcare Ltd	
Manor House Surgery	
Pioneer Healthcare Ltd	
Practice Plus Group	
Primary Eyecare Services Limited	
Ross Care	
Stamford House Medical Centre	
Action Together (Commissioning Infrastructure Programme)	
Action Together (Miles of Smiles)	
Big Life Neighbourhood Mental Health Team	
Francis House Family Trust	
High Peak CVS	
Home-Start HOST	
Hyde Physiotherapy Centre	
Marie Curie	
Richmond Fellowship	
Stroke Association	
The Bureau (Volunteer Car Scheme)	
Willow Wood	Extend by one year to 31/3/23
Age UK Serious Mental Illness Step Down	

(ii) To request Lead CCGs to extended contracts where Tameside and Glossop are an associate in line with the Greater Manchester Contracting Principles.

(iii) To request GM CCGs confirm the commissioning agreements for Silver Cloud.

(iv) Ending the following contracts in line with existing end dates/extension periods:

Provider name	Commissioning Intention
42nd Street (Young people's therapeutic support)	superseded by a tender for an integrated service
Anthony Seddon Fund (CYP Drop in)	
Off The Record (CYP Drop in)	
TOG MIND - The Hive	

42nd Street (Mental Health Provision in Schools)	Non recurrent funding
Off The Record	
PC Refurb	
The Worry Wizard	
TOG MIND (Mental Health Provision in Schools)	
Infinity Initiatives CIC (LLW)	Services are currently being reviewed
The Anthony Seddon Fund (LLW)	
The Bureau (LLW)	
The Anthony Seddon Fund (MH Crisis Drop-in)	
Connex Community	Plan to integrate offer into Early Help

- (v) **Provision of the offer currently delivered by Connex Community through expanding the Early Help service to include integrated family peer support and activities for children and young people with ADHD and Autism.**
- (vi) **The review of the following Unlocking Wellbeing Funding grants later in the year having considered the outcomes achieved.**
- **Anthony Seddon**
 - **Diversity Matters NW**
 - **Infinity Initiatives**
 - **LGBT Foundation**
 - **Provider TBC**
 - **TOG MIND**

41. TENDER FOR THE PROVISION OF A CHLAMYDIA AND GONORRHOEA SCREENING SERVICE

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member, Adult Social Care and Population Health / GP and Tameside Sexual Health Clinical Lead / Director of Population Health / Consultant in Public Health, detailing the proposed approach to the re-commissioning of a Chlamydia and Gonorrhoea Screening Service with an annual budget of £34,539-£44,802.

Members were advised that this service supported the Council's aims to continue promoting good sexual health and reducing health inequalities amongst our young people. The proposed approach would give the most flexibility, value for money and delivery. Further, the Council had a responsibility to commission open access sexual and reproductive health services, which was a mandated function (Health & Social Care Act 2012), as well as the NCSP, which had mandatory requirements.

It was reported that the new C&G Screening Service would continue to prevent and control the spread of sexually transmitted infections in young people by providing asymptomatic C&G screening for young people (under 25) mainly via an online ordering system and local agencies. The Service specification for the new tender would remain largely unaltered other than the focus of NCSP delivery changing from all young people under the age of 25, to women under the age of 25 in order to priorities harm reduction, as per the updated NCSP guidance.

It was reported that the Council would co-commission this service with Trafford MBC and Stockport

MBC. Other Greater Manchester Local Authorities could also join this tender process, with Trafford MBC acting as the lead commissioner via a legally binding Inter-authority Agreement which would be put in place.

The report sought authorisation to tender the Service for a new contract to start on 1 April 2022 for a period of three years. The total contract value over the three year period was £103,617-£134,406.

RESOLVED

- (i) That approval be given to tender the Chlamydia and Gonorrhoea Screening Service in Tameside to commence 1 April 2022 for a three year period, plus the option of a two year extension, dependent on a review of the Service during year 2 (2023/24) to ensure adequate performance and outcomes achieved. The contract term will include a termination period of six months;**
- (ii) That approval be given to award the contract following the completion of a compliant tender exercise , subject to compliance with the Council's Procurement Standing Orders; and**
- (iii) That approval be given to enter into an Inter-authority Agreement, as advised by STAR procurement, with Trafford MBC.**

42. URGENT ITEMS

The Chair reported that there were no urgent items for consideration at this meeting.

CHAIR