

## STRATEGIC COMMISSIONING BOARD

27 January 2021

Comm: 1.00pm

Term: 1.35pm

**Present:**

- Dr Ashwin Ramachandra – NHS Tameside & Glossop CCG (Chair)
- Councillor Brenda Warrington – Tameside MBC
- Councillor Warren Bray – Tameside MBC (part meeting)
- Councillor Gerald P Cooney – Tameside MBC
- Councillor Bill Fairfoull – Tameside MBC
- Councillor Leanne Feeley – Tameside MBC
- Councillor Allison Gwynne – Tameside MBC
- Councillor Joe Kitchen – Tameside MBC
- Councillor Oliver Ryan – Tameside MBC
- Councillor Eleanor Wills – Tameside MBC
- Steven Pleasant – Tameside MBC Chief Executive and 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
- Carol Prowse – 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 Operations and Neighbourhoods
Jayne Traverse	Director of Growth
Jess Williams	Director of Commissioning
Jeanelle De Gruchy	Director of Population Health
Debbie Watson	Assistant Director of Population Health
Ilys Cookson	Assistant Director, Exchequer Services
James Mallion	Consultant Public Health
Catherine Moseley	Head of Access Services
Simon Brunet	Head of Policy, Performance and Intelligence

### 77. CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced that since the last meeting of the Board, over 28,000 of the most vulnerable Tameside and Glossop residents had received the Covid 19 vaccine. Over 90% of over people aged over 80 years and all care home residents and staff had been vaccinated and almost all housebound people completed. It was expected that all top four priority groups would be completed ahead of time. He thanked all Health, Council and volunteer workers involved for this fantastic achievement and the delivery of the programme to date.

### 78. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest submitted by Board members.

### 79. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

#### RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Strategic Commissioning Board held on 16 December 2020 be approved as a correct record.

## **80. MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

### **RESOLVED**

**That the Minutes of the meetings of the Executive Board held on: 9 December 2020, 6 January and 13 January 2021, be noted.**

## **81. MINUTES OF THE LIVING WITH COVID BOARD**

### **RESOLVED**

**That the Minutes of the meeting of the Living with Covid Board held on 9 December 2020 be noted.**

## **82. CONSOLIDATED 2020/21 REVENUE MONITORING STATEMENT AT 30 NOVEMBER 2020**

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member, Finance and Economic Growth / CCG Chair / Director of Finance, which updated Members on the financial position up to 30 November 2020 and forecasts to 31 March 2021.

The Director of Finance reported that at Month 8, the Council was forecasting a year end overspend of £3.5m, which was a slight deterioration on the position reported at month 7.

It was explained that significant pressures remained across Directorates, most significantly in Children's Social Care where expenditure was forecast to exceed budget by £3.806m, with further cost pressures in Adults and Education, and income loss pressures in the Growth Directorate. These were due to underlying financial pressures that the Council would have faced regardless of the COVID pandemic.

It was further explained that the CCG was showing a YTD pressure of £1,055k, but a break even position by year end. This difference related to top up payments for the Hospital Discharge Programme, which had not yet been received.

### **RESOLVED:**

**That the forecast outturn position and associated risks for 2020/21 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted.**

## **83. SEXUAL HEALTH CONTRACTS TO SUPPORT HIGH RISK COMMUNITIES**

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member, Adult Social Care and Health / Consultant in Public Health, which proposed ongoing arrangements for the sexual health contracts including allocation of a new grant award and proposed recurrent savings to one of the programmes.

It was explained that the report sought permission to implement a number of contractual changes to ensure the continued delivery of programmes aimed at supporting and improving sexual health outcomes for those in the community at increased risk.

It was reported that, following the successful Impact Trial, which Tameside had taken part in, NHS England and the Department for Health and Social Care had confirmed additional funding for local authorities to provide universal routine access to Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis. It was proposed that the grant allocation be awarded to Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust for the provision of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis treatment to prevent HIV infection. This would continue to be targeted towards groups at high risk of contracting HIV including men who have sex with men (MSM), black Africans, and transgender men and women, to prevent them catching HIV. The proposal was for the allocation of £26,692 of the grant from the DHSC for the provision of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis.

Approval was sought for the Extension of the Passionate About Sexual Health (PASH) contract across Greater Manchester for 12 months from 30 June 2021. With the high prevalence of disease and the existing need in Tameside's highest risk communities, Tameside commissioners, along with other GM commissioning partners, were satisfied that the aims of the programme and delivery model were meeting needs. The risk of not commissioning this programme was that HIV and STI rates would increase in Tameside, adding further financial pressure into the system for treatment and more complex support. Tameside's budget for this service was £22,560 and the proposal was for the contract to be extended for 12 months from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.

It was explained that Chlamydia infection was the most diagnosed bacterial sexually transmitted infection in the UK, with higher prevalence in young people. All age groups had also seen increases in the rates of gonorrhoea and chlamydia infection in recent years. The report set out proposals for a Covid-19 Emergency Contract Award of the contract for the chlamydia and gonorrhoea screening programme to Brook as the service ceased with immediate effect earlier in the year due to the pandemic.

The service would prevent and control the spread of sexually transmitted infections in young people (under 25). In terms of cost, this was a needs-led service. The maximum total amount required for the full length of this 11-month service would be £49,087. This represented a lower cost than previous models and, while this was only for an interim service over an 11-month period, it was proposed a recurrent saving of 20% of the overall amount allocated for this service in the Population Health budget going forward, which would represent a recurrent £15,000 saving (from the total allocated annual budget of £75,000).

Members were reminded that the RU Clear service ceased abruptly with immediate effect in March 2020 due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the provider (Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust)). As a result of this service ceasing earlier in the year, there was currently underspend in the Population Health budget for the financial year 2020/2021 as this was a needs-led service where spend relates directly to the volume of activity. Alongside this underspend, other sexual health services were struggling for capacity to manage current demands. It was proposed to take £15,000 of the in-year underspend as a non-recurrent saving and £45,790 of the underspend would be re-allocated to Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust) via a contract variation as a one off payment to fund additional capacity in the clinical nursing outreach post for the duration of the remaining contract with Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust).

## **RESOLVED**

- (i) That permission be granted to implement the contractual arrangements as detailed in the report to ensure Tameside Council continued to meet its mandated obligations around the provision of open access sexual and reproductive health services;**
- (ii) That permission be granted to award the grant allocation for the provision of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis to Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust, with 4% held back by Tameside Council to pay for Tameside residents accessing this service out of area;**
- (iii) That permission be granted to extend the Passionate About Sexual Health contract for Tameside as part of GM-wide arrangements for 12 months from 30 June 2020;**
- (iv) That permission be granted to issue a Covid-19 Emergency Contract Award for the chlamydia and gonorrhoea screening programme to Brook to commence immediately for a period of 11 months (this includes a proposed 20% recurrent saving for this service going forward; and**
- (v) That permission be granted to re-allocate in-year underspend for the previous RU Clear chlamydia screening programme as a contract variation for the integrated sexual health service provided by Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust to provide an enhanced clinical outreach offer.**

## **84. COMMISSIONING PLANS FOR 21/22**

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member, Adult Social Care and Health / CCG Chair / Director of Commissioning, which set out the providers operating under contracts that were due to expire in March 2021 and detailed the recommendations for the extension of the contracts.

It was reported that NHS Tameside and Glossop CCG (T&G CCG) had a number of contracts for NHS services that were due to expire in March 2021.

It was explained that 2020/21 had been a period of NHS Command and Control with CCGs no longer holding provider contracts in the usual way and unable to invest in services unless COVID-19 related. Providers had operated services in line with nationally set requirements with GM principles being adopted where appropriate.

Therefore, whilst T&G CCG had worked with providers of local services to ensure safety and quality the formal CCG level contracting processes had only started to operate since October 2020 and CCG had been unable to make major commissioning decisions unrelated to COVID-19.

The allocation available to the CCG for 2021/22 was not yet known but was anticipated to be in line with the CCGs 5 year long term plans which would enable the current services to continue to operate. The Director of Commissioning stated that there were ten Providers operating under contracts that were due to expire in March 2021. All were currently delivering services in line with their contracts with no concerns regarding quality or finance. One contract did not have an option to extend as the provision of DEXA scans was under review with the ICFT when the contract was let.

The proposal was to extend the contracts by one year to enable the Tameside and Glossop system to reach a decision regarding future provision by June 2021 and the enactment of that decision by March 2022.

With all the contracts, STAR had provided advice as to acceptable ways forward in 2021/22. However, this advice was based on current legislation and the expectation was that it should be clearer regarding the 2021/22 Health commissioning arrangements by April 2021. As these arrangements could have a significant impact on future contracts it was proposed to delay any re-procurement planning until June 2021.

The Director of Commissioning corrected an error in the report and clarified that the contracts for Willow Wood and the Stroke Association were proposed to be extended for 1 year and not 2 years, as stated in the report.

### **RESOLVED**

**(i) That the extension of the following contracts be approved:**

<b>Provider name</b>	<b>Extension End Date</b>
<b>Practice Plus Group</b>	<b>31/03/2022</b>
<b>In Health Ltd</b>	<b>31/03/2022</b>
<b>Willow Wood</b>	<b>31/03/2022</b>
<b>Hyde Physiotherapy Centre</b>	<b>31/03/2022</b>
<b>Manor House Surgery</b>	<b>31/03/2022</b>
<b>Pioneer Healthcare Ltd</b>	<b>31/03/2022</b>
<b>Stamford House Medical Centre</b>	<b>31/03/2022</b>
<b>Primary Eyecare Services Limited</b>	<b>31/03/2022</b>

<b>Stroke Association</b>	<b>31/03/2022</b>
<b>Diagnostic Healthcare Ltd</b>	<b>31/03/2022</b>

- (ii) **That the intention to delay the planning of future provision until June 2021 when longer-term Health commissioning arrangements should be known, be approved.**

**85. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE’S EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL WELLBEING COMMUNITY OFFER – UPDATE**

A report was submitted by the Executive Member, Adult Social Care and Population Health / Clinical Lead for Starting Well / Director of Commissioning / Assistant Director of Population Health, providing an update on progress in relation to the development of a Tameside and Glossop Children and Young People’s (CYP) Emotional and Mental Wellbeing Community Offer and commissioning intentions since the paper was presented at Strategic Commission Board in September 2020.

It was explained that, following a Market Engagement Event in August 2020 for prospective providers to learn more about the process, there were several co-production workshops throughout September and October, which were well attended by providers, stakeholders and young people to explore the desirables for a new Community Offer. A series of parent and carers workshops took place in early January 2021. The outcomes from the workshops formed the core deliverables and design principles of the Community Offer (Appendix 1 to the report) and therefore informed the development of the specification (Appendix 2 to the report).

Members were advised that over 50 participants engaged in each of the co-production workshops, including stakeholders of the Tameside and Glossop CYP Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Strategic Group, and interested providers via an expression of interest through the North West Procurement Portal. The parent and carer workshops were promoted through various networks, as well as through the Communications Team.

It was explained that the outcomes from the co-production workshops were clear in that in order to successfully enable positive outcomes for children and young people’s emotional and mental wellbeing, a collaborative partnership approach with a wide menu of choice on offer was essential. Current providers attended the co-production workshops. All potential providers had been encouraged to work collaboratively to meet the expectations of the specification.

The new offer would be commissioned via an NHS contract led by Tameside & Glossop CCG, with Tameside Council as associate commissioner. Current providers (Off the Record, TOG MIND, Anthony Seddon Fund and 42<sup>nd</sup> Street) had been notified that current contract/grant agreements would end on 31 August 2021.

The initial timeline had been extended to allow potential providers more time to collaborate on the ‘offer’, so extensions had been granted to all current providers (Off the Record, 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, TOG MIND and Anthony Seddon Fund) until 31 August 2021, with a start date for the new contract 1 September 2021. It was proposed that invitations to tender would be launched with support from STAR Procurement on 28 January 2021.

Although the total tender value remained the same at £250,000 per annum, the proportions from each organisation had slightly changed following a contract review across population health. Tameside and Glossop CCG had increased investment of £16,200 with the Council’s funding remaining at current levels of investment of £91,800. The contract would remain as a 3 + 2 years.

**RESOLVED**

- (i) **That the progress described in the report and the coproduction undertaken with children and young people, parents and carers and key stakeholders, which has informed the final specification be noted; and**

- (ii) That permission be given to tender the redesigned service offer with Tameside & Glossop CCG as lead commissioner and Tameside Council as associate commissioner to the new contract.

**86. URGENT ITEMS**

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

**CHAIR**