

**Proposed Decision to be made
By Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health on or
after 18 August 2017**

**Public Health - Tuberculosis (TB) Community Nursing Service
Consultation and Recommission**

Recommendation

That the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health approves the proposed consultation to inform the recommissioning of the Community TB Nursing Service, co-commissioned with Coventry and Rugby CCG.

1.0. Background and Rationale

- 1.1. The Community TB Nursing Service is a specialist nurse led service that supports and provides care to patients diagnosed with TB within both Coventry and Warwickshire. The team work with specialist medical staff to ensure a smooth patient journey from diagnosis to discharge and this can include supporting patients to take medication (Directly Observed Therapy DOT), referring for social support, home visits, tracing and testing contacts/family members for TB infection and managing incidents and outbreaks. The service provides information and advice to patients and carers and educational/TB awareness sessions to other professionals and staff.
- 1.2. This commissioned service pertains to the Community TB Nursing service only, and does not extend to, nor include, any in hospital services or Respiratory/Infectious Diseases medical staff.
- 1.3. TB is an infectious disease and as such has been identified as a priority within the Coventry and Warwickshire Health Protection Strategy 2017-2021 (approved by both Coventry and Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Boards), to reduce the ongoing public health risk of transmission and infection and the associated costs of treatment and support to the health and social care economy. (See appendix 1).
- 1.4. WCC Public Health act as lead commissioner on this contract and have represented both Warwickshire North and South Warwickshire Clinical Commissioning Groups as part of this lead role. There is no financial expectation from either WNCCG or SWCCG within this process or contract. The contract will be jointly funded by the two commissioning partners, with Coventry Rugby CCG being a high incidence area for TB.

- 1.5. The contract will be offered on a 5 year agreement, with possibility to extend for a further 2 years, commencing 1st October 2018 (annual contract value for WCC is £125,775).
- 1.6. The cost of the contract can be met from within existing resources and funding has been agreed (with no uplifts) by both commissioning partners for the duration of the proposed contract. The contract does not fall under any OOP 2020 savings plans. Instead the tender will be evaluated on the need to secure good value for money and high quality TB services. Appropriate responses to outbreaks and incidents will still need to be safely maintained by the TB service, and costs associated with testing in outbreak situations are accounted for via a Pathology contract that is funded separately to this re tender process and contract.
- 1.7. A national service specification for commissioning TB services across the UK is in final draft stage. This will form the framework for the Service commissioning process in Coventry and Warwickshire, with additional local requirements being addressed and included from Stakeholder and patient feedback. This specification is based on the NHS England/Public Health England Collaborative TB Strategy for England 2015 - 2020 (Appendix 2).
- 1.8. The process of obtaining local feedback has been undertaken via a stakeholder questionnaire being circulated to all professionals and partners who refer to the TB Team, members of the Coventry and Warwickshire TB Programme Board and third sector partners with an interest in the service. Patient feedback is currently being obtained through questionnaires at targeted TB clinics at University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire, George Eliot Hospital and Warwick Hospital. This information will help shape the proposed new service model, built around the National Specification.

2.0. Proposed Consultation

- 2.1. We are seeking permission to take out the proposed Service Model to Stakeholders and patients which will be based on the feedback received from the questionnaires and the National Model, this will not be a public facing consultation. This is a small specialist service predominantly for patients with a TB diagnosis, and their contacts. We are not making a big service change so consulting with those with an interest in the service will provide data to shape the model.
- 2.2. We will specifically target stakeholders already engaged with, alongside patients and will display information in TB outpatient clinic sites across Coventry and Warwickshire, so this is available to all patients accessing the TB Service currently.
- 2.3. Costs relating to the consultation will be met within current Public Health budgets.
- 2.4. WCC Public Health and CRCCG have jointly completed an Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) for this re tender which has shown there to be no adverse

impacts -this will be made available with the final reports.

3.0 Timescales associated with the decision and next steps

3.1 The table below identifies the key milestones that will ensure a timely tendering process:

Milestones	Deadline
Portfolio for Adult Social Care and Health consultation approval	August 2017
Consultation period	September 2017
Collate & analyse responses, prepare draft consultation report	October 2017
Provide feedback to respondents and Stakeholder Engagement Event	September 2017
Commence tender process	November 2017
Award Contract	March 2018

4.0 Financial Implications.

The costs of the consultation and tender process will be covered within existing public health budgets.

Background papers

None

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