

Decision Record – Public Health - Tuberculosis (TB) Community Nursing Service Consultation and Recommission

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| Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking the decision | Councillor Les Caborn Adult Social Care and Health |
| Date of Decision (not before 18 August 2017) | 21/08/2017 |

Decision Taken

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.

Reasons for Decisions

The County Council Constitution requires that before a consultation exercise is undertaken the permission of the Portfolio Holder is obtained.

Background Information

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.

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.

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.

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.

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).

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.

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.

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.

Permission is now given 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.

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.

Financial Implications

N/A

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| Strategic Director | John Dixon |
| Portfolio Holder | Councillor Les Caborn |

Checklist

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| Urgent matter? | No |
| Confidential or Exempt? | No |
| Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework? | No |

List of Reports considered

Link to published proposed decision report:

<https://democratic.warwickshire.gov.uk/cm5/CalendarofMeetings/tabid/128/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/645/Meeting/4085/Committee/589/Default.aspx>

List of Background Papers

None

Members and officers consulted or informed – please include any comments

Portfolio Holder – Councillor Les Caborn
 Corporate Board
 Legal – Jane Pollard
 Finance – Virginia Rennie
 Equality – Polly Sharma
 Democratic Services – Paul Williams

Adult Social Care & Health OSC – party spokes:

Councillors Caborn, Redford, Golby, Parsons, Rolfe