



To: Cabinet

Date: 16th April 2024

Subject: Rebuilding Drug and Alcohol Treatment and Recovery Services

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To inform Cabinet of the recommendations from Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee following their consideration of the report on Rebuilding Drug and Alcohol Treatment and Recovery Services at their meeting on 11th April 2024. This note provides information about the recommendations and area of discussion arising at that meeting.

2 Recommendations

2.1 Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee:

- 1) Support the recommendations to Cabinet with the following additional recommendation:-
- 2) That Cabinet's attention is drawn to the following recommendations made to officers:-
 - i. That officers consider ways of assuring the consultation process and continue to consult throughout the term of the contract.
 - ii. That officers provide information detailing how the new contract will improve performance, specifically in terms of opiate users >6 years opiate treatment
 - iii. That the new contract ensures that there is capacity to undertake new and innovative approaches
 - iv. That officers investigate how best to get feedback from GP's on the effectiveness of treatment
 - v. That officers ensure that data is collected on repeat attendances on treatment programmes

3 Information and Background

- 3.1 At their meeting on 11th April 2024 Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee considered a report on Rebuilding Drug and Alcohol Treatment and Recovery Services.

3.2 The Committee discussed the following:

- Details of the procurement process and length of contract
- Value of the new contract compared to the current contract
- Whether the resources in the new contract were sufficient to meet current demand
- Whether the new contract would bring an improvement in performance, what would be done differently to what has been done before
- The consultation process and steps taken to engage service users, as well as the on-going dialogue with service users, which forms part of the contract requirements
- Performance data, how Coventry was performing compared to national data, including drug related deaths
- How performance was managed as part of the contract including regular formal and informal meetings, the monitoring of data, KPI's and powers to manage poor performance.
- The wider causes of addiction and prevention and a request for scrutiny to be updated on progress on the Drug and Alcohol Strategy
- The links with mental health services and how different services were working in partnership, including joint training and joint service meetings.

4 Health Inequalities Impact

- 4.1 People misusing drugs and alcohol are among the most vulnerable and socially excluded populations and the contract will directly lead efforts to reduce health inequalities and prioritise engagement with communities affected by addiction.

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