

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Wellbeing board

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PART I **FOR INFORMATION**

UPDATE ON SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES PROCUREMENT

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This brief summary updates the Wellbeing Board (WB) on the results of the Sexual Health Service Review and the procurement options appraisal exercise. This report is a report of the outcomes of the Wellbeing board's decision in May 2014 to adopt the recommendations of the sexual health service review.

2. Update

2.1 The board is requested to note that an extension of the community based contract has taken place as a result of extensive financial modelling and best value comparisons.

2.2 The decision not to proceed through the normal procurement process was taken by the procurement panel as noted in the options appraisal to the board in May.

2.3 A three year contract extension (plus 2) was awarded to the main contractor for Slough. This decision was taken on the basis of the high quality of the existing service and tests of best value.

2.4 The financial modelling exercise tested future costs through procurement and indicated significant cost implications for Slough (and the other Unitary Authorities who use BHFT as their main provider) in using a procurement based on a tariff based system.

2.5 The procurement board approved the exemption business case on 20.05.14. (The financial modelled risks of going to tender were estimated at an additional £586000 if the contract was not extended).

2.6 Berkshire Healthcare Foundation Trust therefore remains the main provider for level 2 and level 3 sexual health services in Slough. The

current annual value of all formally contracted sexual health services (including BHCT) in 2014/15 is £1,337,800. This figure does not include non-contracted activity (as sexual health services are free at the point of access).

Appendices Attached

3.1 None

4.0 **Background Papers**

4.1 14th May 2014 SWB Board report – Update on Sexual Health Re-commissioning Services.

<http://www.slough.gov.uk/moderngov/documents/s33799/SWB%2014.05.14%20Sexualhealthrecommissioning%20Mayv3.pdf>