

Substance Misuse Residential Rehabilitation Placements Dynamic Purchasing System.

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Date of Decision:	16 December 2024		
Report to:	Cabinet Member - Public Health and Wellbeing		
Report of:	Director of Public Health		
Portfolio:	Public Health and Wellbeing		
Wards affected:	All		
Is this a key decision:	No	Included in Forward Plan:	No.
Exempt/confidential report:	No		

Summary: To seek Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing approval for the extension of the Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) contracts for the provision of substance misuse residential rehabilitation placements for an additional year, from 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026.

Recommendation(s):

1. It is recommended that the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing approves the extension of the DPS contract for an additional 1 year from 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026.

1. The Rationale and Evidence for the Recommendations

Residential Rehabilitation is an integral part of any drug treatment and recovery system and a vital option for some people requiring treatment for dependency to substances.

Dependent drug and alcohol users typically present to services with a range of complex, physical, emotional, psychological, and psychiatric health problems. Effective treatment and recovery require a range of services and interventions including specialist clinical services,

medically assisted detoxification programmes, psychosocial interventions, mutual aid and residential rehabilitation programmes.

Sefton's Integrated Substance Misuse: Assessment, Treatment and Recovery Service provide a care pathway approach to treatment and recovery in which community rehabilitation is the first line offer where appropriate and clinically safe. For those who have undergone a programme of treatment and detoxification and have not responded to community rehabilitation, residential rehabilitation programmes provide the opportunity for sustained recovery in a safe and therapeutic residential setting.

Eligibility for Residential Rehabilitation Programmes is determined by the Adult Social Care (ASC) Substance Misuse Assessment Team who undertake a full social care assessment of need compliant with Care Act requirements and equality to access legislation. Residential placements are matched to individual need based on ASC assessment and clinical review from substance misuse treatment providers. Once agreed placements will be funded, initially for a period of three months, from a fixed annual public health budget.

A Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS), as provided for within the 2015 Public Contracts Regulations, will enable Sefton Council to ensure that fair and transparent commissioning arrangements are in place while enabling an individually tailored programme appropriate to the individual's needs and requirements. The key advantage of a DPS, is that the applicable legislation allows the Council to open the DPS to new applicants at points during its lifespan. This therefore gives the Council the flexibility to take advantage of beneficial changes within the marketplace which may take place over time.

2. Financial Implications

The current Public Health budget for Residential Rehabilitation Placements is £270,000 per year. The DPS will ensure that the cost of any placement is agreed in advance this will help the Council to allocate and manage placements more effectively. To control risk in terms of affordability of the future placements, service providers submit for approval ceiling prices relating to levels of service provided as described in the service specification.

3. Legal Implications

None. There is provision within the existing DPS for 2 x 12 months extensions.

4. Risk Implications

None

5 Staffing HR Implications

None

6 Conclusion

Residential Rehabilitation provides those individuals who require it, a greater chance of a successful treatment outcome and recovery. A Dynamic Purchasing System provides an open and equitable system for service providers. All current service providers have undergone a due diligence process to be part of the Dynamic Purchasing System based on their ability to deliver services to a clear service specification and within an agreed duration and cost.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

To have no provision for Residential Rehabilitation. For those who have undergone a programme of treatment and detoxification and have not responded to community rehabilitation, residential rehabilitation programmes provide the opportunity for sustained recovery in a safe and therapeutic residential setting. The necessity for Residential Rehabilitation is more likely for complex clients and increases the likelihood of successful treatment outcome.

To “Spot Purchase” as and when Residential Rehabilitation is required. Spot Purchasing requires considerable time to identify and negotiate suitable placements and provides for less transparency and ability to benchmark costs. Also, spot purchasing placement tariffs are often subject to higher costs.

The current DPS has provision for two 12 month extensions. In conjunction with Procurement it is recommended to activate the first one year extension. .

<p>Equality Implications:</p> <p>There are no equality implications.</p>
<p>Impact on Children and Young People:</p> <p>There are no implications, the DPS is for Adult Residential Placements.</p>
<p>Climate Emergency Implications:</p> <p>The recommendations within this report will have a neutral impact.</p>

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

(A) Internal Consultations

The Executive Director of Corporate Services & Commercial (FD.7866/24) and the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer (LD.5966/24.) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

(B) External Consultations

Not applicable

Implementation Date for the Decision :

Following the expiry of the “call-in” period for the Cabinet decision.

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Appendices:

There are no appendices to this report.

Background:

In December 2021 Cabinet authorised the Director of Public Health to conduct an OJEU Light-Touch Regime tender exercise to establish a Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) for Substance Misuse Residential Rehabilitation Placements to run for a period of three years from the 1st April 2022 with the option of two further one-year extensions.

Authority was delegated to the Director of Public Health in consultation with the Cabinet Member – Health and Wellbeing to award the contracts to those bidders reaching the required standard within the context of the approved budget and medium-term financial plan.

A Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS), as provided for within the 2015 Public Contracts Regulations, has enabled Sefton Council to ensure that fair and transparent commissioning arrangements are in place while enabling an individually tailored programme appropriate to the individual's needs and requirements.

Residential Placements are procured at three levels and will include:

Level 1 Standard Placements – providing non-complex residential care for individuals in recovery from substance use.

Level 2 Enhanced Placements – providing residential care for individuals with complex health care needs including co-existing mental health problems and physical health care needs.

Level 3 Specialist Placements – Providing residential cares for individuals with specialist care needs including alcohol acquired brain injury, behavioral difficulties and / or sever mobility challenges.

The process for the 1 year extension will be conducted by Procurement via the CHEST. All the current providers will be contacted to establish their intentions to continue with the DPS for 2025/26 under the current terms and conditions. On approval all providers will be issued with and asked to complete an 'intention to continue' declaration.

The current providers on the DPS:

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Thomas	Thomas	Liverpool YMCA
Turning Point (Services) Ltd	Liverpool YMCA	Somewhere House Ltd
Liverpool YMCA	Holgate House Ltd	
Littledale Hall Therapeutic Community	Littledale Hall Therapeutic Community.	