

BNSSG CCG Governing Body

Date: Tuesday 2 July 2019

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Location: The Vassall Centre, Gill Avenue, Downend, Bristol, BS16 2QQ

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Report title: Adult community health services procurement

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1. Purpose

Between January and June 2019, NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) undertook a procurement to select a single provider of adult community health services using a competitive procedure with negotiation. This document provides an update and next steps.

2. Recommendations

The Governing Body is asked to:

- **note** progress and next steps with the procurement

3. Executive summary

There are currently three main providers of adult community services in the CCG geography: one in Bristol, one in North Somerset and one in South Gloucestershire. Their contracts end in 2020 and 2021. As part of business as usual, the CCG is advertising for a provider to deliver adult community services consistently across Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire. The services include integrated locality teams, locality hubs, specialist advice and support and acute and reactive care. The aim is to build more proactive care to help people stay independent and well, with people using services and families at the heart.

Following approval from the Governing Body, in January 2019 the CCG began advertising for a single provider of adult community services. The contract to be procured is for a period of up to ten years, with an indicative contract value of approximately £106m per annum. The CCG used a competitive procedure with negotiation. This meant that the CCG and bidders could discuss elements of the requirements and negotiate ways to deliver them.

The following milestones have been achieved:

January 2019:	Procurement launch and information event for bidders
February 2019:	Meetings with bidders, including patient panel meetings with bidders
March 2019:	Proposals submitted and evaluated
April 2019:	Bidders shortlisted, meetings with bidders, bidders visiting service premises
May 2019:	Meetings with bidders and final proposals submitted
June 2019:	Evaluation of proposals using pre-advertised criteria

The CCG has now received and evaluated final proposals. The next steps are as follows:

Early July 2019:	Bidders will be informed of the outcome. This will stay confidential during a 'standstill' period while the bidders look at the outcome and the CCG undertakes checks
Late July 2019:	All being well, the CCG will announce the outcome publicly. This outcome is open to change because the CCG needs to complete detailed checks before signing a contract
August 2019:	NHS England and NHS Improvement will review the procurement process and outcome to make sure risks are being managed and the CCG and high scoring bidder have the capacity and capability to move forward
30 August 2019	If all goes to plan the CCG will sign a contract and work with the selected provider and existing organisations to reassure patients and staff about next steps and make sure that patients continue to receive good care.

The CCG website contains a copy of the full draft contract with the technical description of services and contract terms. The website will continue to be updated with procurement progress (<https://bnssgccg.nhs.uk/health-advice-and-support/adult-community-services/>).

4. Financial resource implications

The total contract value approved by the Governing Body is about £1.06bn over ten years.

5. Legal implications

The procurement has been completed under the Light Touch Regime of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. An independent legal team has provided advice and checked the process.

6. Risk implications

The programme has a risk register that lists potential risks and ways to mitigate them. The Programme Board believes that the risks are being appropriately mitigated.

7. Implications for health inequalities

A Quality Impact Assessment has been undertaken and is being refreshed for the next phase. No significant negative implications have been identified.

8. Implications for equalities (Black and other minority ethnic/disability/age)

An Equalities Impact Assessment has been undertaken and is being refreshed for the next phase. Areas for further engagement during mobilisation have been identified.

9. Implications for public involvement

More than 500 stakeholders, including patients and carers, were involved in the development phase of the procurement. A Public Reference Group is meeting regularly to support next steps. Formal public consultation is not required as no 'significant variation' is planned at this stage.