

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2019/2020 - REPORT NO.

PORTFOLIO DECISION OF:

**Cabinet Member: Health and Social Care
and
Director of Health and Adult Social Care.**

Key Decision: KD4931

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Agenda - Part: 1	Item:
Subject: Retender of the provision of work opportunities for adults with mental health needs	
Cabinet Member consulted: Cllr Alev Cazimoglu	

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 Supporting people with Mental Health (MH) conditions to achieve employment is a national indicator. Remploy Ltd has been delivering the current Service in Enfield.
- 1.2 This report seeks approval to continue the Individual Placement and Support (IPS) model and commence a retender process. The duration of the contract is proposed to be two years with a further two year extension based on performance, (total 4 years).
- 1.3 The Procurement and Commissioning Review Board agreed the business case on the 11th June 2019.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That approval is given to retender the service, employment support for adults with mental health conditions.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 96% of adults with mental health problems in contact with secondary care services in Enfield are not in employment¹. As a result, supporting people with mental health conditions to achieve employment is part of the national and local public service performance indicators. Local Authority and MH Trust's outcomes are nationally monitored in this area.
- 3.2 A new support model was identified and presented to the P&C Review Board on the 2nd November 2016. The proposal recommended approval for developing and facilitating the Individual Placement and Support (IPS) model in the borough. After further consultation with commissioners, the Board granted a go ahead agreement on 18th January 2017 for a two year pilot project.
- 3.3 The IPS delivery approach has been applied by some local authorities in London, including neighbouring boroughs Haringey and Barnet as well as Havering and Tower Hamlets. Similar to Enfield there has been positive feedbacks on the scheme from those boroughs.
- 3.4 The current contract for support for adults with mental health conditions is for two years commencing on the 1st January 2018 and ending on the 31st December 2019
- 3.5 The current contract has been delivered by Remploy who have been successful in working closely with locality teams and have exceeded targets in dealing with the number of referrals and engagements with individuals. Feedback from the Mental Health teams and the Trust has been positive; along with feedback from the partner in the pilot project; Mental Health and Employment Partnership Ltd (MHEP). Please see below on the next page the current performance.

¹ Enfield Joint Adult Mental Health Strategy 2014-2019

http://www.enfield.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/8494/enfield_joint_adult_mental_health_strategy_2014

Period	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4		Total	
	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual
Referrals	10	50	22	14	28	39	28	51	88	154
Engagement	7	47	18	12	23	20	23	28	71	111
Job starts	2	4	6	7	7	7	7	7	22	23
Sustained employment > 6 weeks	0	0	2	3	4	8	6	5	12	16

- 3.6 The support model is a joint arrangement with the Mental Health Trust and an organisation called Mental Health and Employment Partnership Ltd (MHEP). MHEP which is a social purpose company that is owned by Big Issue Invest, a socially motivated investor, and Health and Employment Partnerships Limited, a subsidiary of Social Finance Limited.
- 3.7 MHEP, in partnership with the Council and other commissioners, has successfully attracted an in-principle £0.9m outcomes-based grant (the “MHEP Grant”) from the Big Lottery Fund’s Commissioning Better Outcomes Fund to enable it to provide top-up funding to local authorities for IPS services. The MHEP Grant will only be released upon satisfaction of a range of outcomes. The outcomes are based around ensuring service users get into employment and then the employment is sustained for a period of 16 weeks. To manage the financial risk of this funding stream, MHEP will raise social investment capital from Big Issue Invest, which will be repaid in two ways: (i) payments from the Big Lottery Fund based on the agreed outcomes; and (ii) payments from the Council based on the number of job starts achieved by the service
- 3.8 The funding model is based upon a core element to cover staff salary costs and then a smaller payment by results element that rewards the provider for delivering the intensive support and keeping people in employment.
- 3.9 Details of the financials can be found in part 2 of this report.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 The service is required in order to meet the national indicators.,
- 4.2 There have been previous models of service delivery tried which, have not met with the success expected and did not achieve the buy-in from the Mental Health Teams.

5 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 The current contract is coming to an end and is required in order to meet the national indicators.
- 5.2 This model attracts additional funding from the Big Lottery Fund and has been successful in improving longer term outcomes for people with mental health problems to gain and sustain meaningful employment.

6 COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, RESOURCES AND CUSTOMER SERVICES AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS

6.1 Financial Implications

See Part 2

6.2 Legal Implications

See Part 2.

6.3 Procurement Implications

- 6.3.1 The Procurement will be exposed to a one stage, open tender process through the London Tenders Portal.

7 KEY RISKS

- 7.1. See part 2 of this report

8. IMPACT ON COUNCIL PRIORITIES

8.1 Good homes in well-connected neighbourhoods:

Employment support service for adults with mental health needs will contribute towards the Council's aim of serving the whole borough fairly. This group of residents faces several barriers to enter the job market or to retain jobs when they gain one. This programme helps them gain and maintain employment with the aim they can move to their own properties and eventually live independently.

8.2 Sustain strong and healthy communities

Helping adults with mental health needs access work placements and work-skills training will contribute towards the Council's aim to encourage growth and sustainability within the borough and deliver a positive contribution towards building strong and inclusive communities.

8.3 Build our local economy to create a thriving place

The employment support service for adults with mental health needs will contribute towards getting individuals into employment and improve the local economy.

9 EQUALITIES IMPACT IMPLICATIONS

No equality impact assessment was undertaken because there is no reduction in service or change in client type.

10 PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

10.1 This service will contribute towards achieving better outcomes against NI 150 – 'No of Adults receiving secondary mental health services in employment'

10.2 Performance of this contract is undertaken on a quarterly basis with Enfield Council, Enfield Mental Health Trust and Social Finance.

11 HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

None. Appropriate insurance will be held by the provider and will be mandated by the contract.

12 HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

None. Enfield Council will not employ the staff.

13 PUBLIC HEALTH IMPLICATIONS

There is good evidence that people with mental health issues are excluded from both the workplace and wider society. The former is likely to reinforce the latter. This initiative should therefore both support the individuals who gain employment and help to reduce stigma in general.

Background Papers

None