

Public health disaggregation – Appendix 1

Contracts and shared arrangements

Members of the contracts workstream have reviewed all the contracts and related financial commitments that Public Health Dorset currently have in place and have identified several which need a decision prior to the 1st April 2025.

We wish to highlight the following contracts and commitments and our recommendations to allow service continuity as we transition into two new teams.

1. The Breastfeeding Network:

The Breastfeeding Network currently delivers a non-clinical peer support breastfeeding support service for mothers in Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole and Dorset.

The service works with maternity, health visiting, early help and family hubs to deliver. The service includes support for mothers least likely to continue breastfeeding, including those aged under 25 years. The initial 3-year contract period comes to an end on 31st May 2025, where there is an optional extension for a further 2 years (1+1 year). We need to give the Breastfeeding Network our decision about whether to extend the contract by end of February 2025 at the latest. The annual contract value is currently £40,000. There is some indication that there may need to be a small level of uplift to meet pressure of national living wage commitment for this charity but we will need to engage in negotiation to understand this.

A review and options appraisal has been carried out to inform the decision about whether we extend the contract for this service. Given the quantitative and qualitative evidence and impact presented, alongside the positive service user feedback demonstrating the difference the service is making to the lives of mothers who are breastfeeding; the recommendation is for the service contract to be extended for the remaining 2 years of the contract period as a key Public Health intervention. The recommended option will ensure stability of service provision and support for women and families whilst the two new Public Health teams get established within the Local Authorities and allow time for commissioning decisions to be well informed that will best fit with future public health commissioning arrangements and intentions.

Recommendation 1: Extend the current contract on 1+1year basis from June 2025

2. Healthy Homes Dorset Programme

Public Health Dorset currently commissions £50k per year to support the Health Homes Dorset programme, which is a partnership between Public Health Dorset, Dorset Council and BCP Council. The Public Health Dorset funding commissions Healthy Homes programme management resource, including funding bid applications and administration of the programme from Dorset Council officers under a Memorandum of Understanding. This also provides some funding which can be used to match fund or supply interventions where not covered by other source. The programme is overseen by a steering group comprising BCP, Dorset and Public Health officers and is chaired by the Deputy Director of Public Health. The successful partnership between DC, BCP & PHD within Healthy Homes Dorset has led to the successful bidding for significant amounts of national funding. Healthy Homes

Dorset delivery has been commissioned from Ridgewater Energy to provide advice and interventions to improve homes in BCP & Dorset using government funding including Home Upgrade Grant 2 (HUGS2). This is a 4 year contract which commenced April 2024 at the value of circa £5 million. Commissioning period of 2+1+1 year.

In addition it should be noted that in November 2024 Healthy Homes Dorset, with agreement from BCP, DC and PHD submitted an Expression of Interest for the upcoming Warm Homes Local Grant scheme. If successful this could generate £13m to treat 1,000 homes over the 3 years, equally split between Dorset and BCP councils. All EoIs will be assessed by DESNZ, and the final allocations will be communicated in January or February 2025.

In view of this established and very successful arrangement it is recommended that the strategic steering group supports the ongoing resourcing of the Healthy Homes Dorset programme from 1st April 2025 to match the duration of the contract with Ridgewater Energy. This will allow transitional arrangements to be worked through as part of phase 2 development with the two Public Health teams.

Recommendation 2: Continuation of the shared commissioning of the Healthy Homes Dorset programme through a revision of the existing MOU to cover the time period of the contract with Ridgewater Energy; and with oversight through a joint steering group with representation from both Local Authorities housing and Public Health teams.

3. Targeted NHS Healthchecks through Livewell Dorset.

There has been a two year pilot of Livewell running targeted health checks. The recent evaluation has indicated that this has worked well and recommends that this approach is continued through Livewell from April 2025.

Recommendation 3: Targeted Healthcheck provision through Livewell Dorset continue for 2025/26.

4. Treating Tobacco Dependency (TTD) Contract Options

Dorset Council currently holds contracts with each of the local NHS Trusts for Treating Tobacco Dependency.

From late 21/22 each Clinical Commissioning Group (now Integrated Care Board) received specific funding to support TTD. There was agreement at that time for Public Health Dorset to receive the funding and contract with Trusts. With changes in the ICB and the separation of Public Health Dorset work is in progress to return these contracts to NHS Dorset, the Integrated Care Board. All three providers, NHS Dorset and Public Health Dorset are working together to agree the best way forward.

For University Hospitals Dorset: The current Dorset Council contract ends on 31 March 2025. Termination will be by passage of time. NHS Dorset is working through a gateway process, with the expectation of picking up the contract from 1 April 2025. UHD are aware.

For Dorset HealthCare and Dorset County Hospital: The current Dorset Council contracts extend to 31 December 2025. NHS Dorset and PHD colleagues are currently working through the 3 potential options for managing the transition with the preference being either a

novation of the remaining period of the contract from Dorset Council to NHS Dorset, or an early termination by mutual consent so the contract ends with Dorset Council but is then picked up by NHS Dorset. Details are being worked through with NHS Dorset with the aim of having this clarified and resolved prior to 1st April 2025.

Recommendation 4: The Treating Tobacco Dependency programme contracts with the 3 NHS provider Trusts in Dorset are picked up and managed through NHS Dorset. To note the work going on to identify the most appropriate mechanism to arrange this between Public Health Dorset and NHS Dorset prior to 1st April 2025.

5. Adult Weight management

As part of the weight management pathway offer through Livewell Dorset, Public Health Dorset commission weight management vouchers for access to weight management groups provided by Second Nature and Slimming World. This is a cost and volume contract so we have included the budget allocation within the spreadsheet but recognise that this may be impacted by activity levels which will continue to be reviewed with the service as per contract management arrangements. The contract for these two providers needs review by 28th March 2025 to meet the 3 month minimum notice period for the contract ending 30th June 2025. There is an option for a remaining 1 year extension for this contract which will take the contract to end June 2026. Following a review of the service through Livewell Dorset it is recommended that this contract is extended for the additional and final year of the contract from June 2025.

Recommendation 5: Extension of the Adult Weight management schemes for final year of contract period from June 2025

Licenses & Financial commitments

In addition to the contract for services, Public Health Dorset have also had other financial commitments for services on behalf of the wider Dorset system. The operational workstream will be considering a range of these arrangements in a separate paper, however it makes sense to highlight the financial element of these in this paper. There are two key elements which need conformation prior to 1st April 2025 as they are important and integral to delivery of key programmes of work.

1. PharmOutcomes

PharmOutcomes is a tool for allowing data sharing with Pharmacies through the Community Health Improvement (CHIS) contracts. It is currently mandated in CHIS contract specifications for community pharmacies to use for data collection and payment processes.

Public Health Dorset currently purchase PharmOutcomes on behalf of Pharmacies and other providers on an annual basis in March a year in advance. It is a vital part of the basis for processing activity and payments for these services. This will be considered in more detail as part of the transition and data and intelligence workstreams.

Recommendation: This is a requirement for ongoing services provisions so recommend that license is jointly funded and bought in March 2025 on behalf of pharmacies and providers for 2025/26.

2. MOSAIC

Public Health Dorset currently purchases MOASAIC, which is a population segmentation and profiling dataset on behalf of organisations within the Dorset system, including both Local Authorities and NHS Dorset. This tool is used extensively across the intelligence teams within the Local Authorities and the DiiS team. The purchase of the license for a number of organisations allow for a discounted price. Consideration of how to continue with this arrangement after 1st April 2025 is contained within the transition workstream. However we thought it important to highlight this as a financial commitment within this paper.

Recommendation: MOASAIC is purchased for the Dorset system in March 2025 for 2025/26 as per existing annual license agreement whilst transition arrangements are worked through as part of phase 2 beyond 1st April 2025.

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