

NELFT Contracting Meeting

12 September 2013

Thurrock Council Public Health Commissioning Intentions 2014/15

Background

1. The 2013/14 budget allocation for public health that transferred to Thurrock was £7,414m, this represented a shortfall of 12.7% from the actual spend of the previous year's services with our providers. This ring fenced budget was largely used to fund a programme of commissioned public health services.
2. The services included in this programme are major delivery areas such as sexual health services, 5 – 19 services, drug and alcohol services, weight management, NHS health checks, smoking and tobacco control, these services are currently commissioned with North East London Foundation Trust, we also have a range of smaller services with Southend Hospital, Basildon Hospital and we also hold contracts for Sexual health, Smoking Cessation and Health Checks with Thurrock GPs, and pharmacists.
3. We have reviewed the services that we feel we need a different model of care in line with the priorities of the JSNA and the APHR.

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4. The services we are recommending we serve notice to our provider NELFT from October 2013 are listed below
 - Children's Weight Management Services – current concerns that the service is not offering a full 0 – 19 year service with psychology input and school engagement, which was requested in January 2013. Provider has been piloting a new model but data is very low, therefore not representing good value for money and little evidence of quality outcomes
 - Adult Weight Management Services, low uptake and high numbers of drop outs throughout the current programme. therefore not representing good value for money and little evidence of quality outcomes
 - 5 – 19 (school nursing) service, the service is not currently offering a public health preventative service
5. The provider has undertaken a recent review of the Adult Weight Management service and has committed to change the model, a meeting is being planned to discuss what the provider will change in year.
6. Commissioning intentions have been developed for 2013/14 as a result of this exercise, which are attached as an Appendix 1.

7. The Public Health Strategy Board approved these recommendations on the 9 September 2013
8. We are now advising relevant key Boards of this decision and welcome discussions around the process
9. Procurement and Contracting decisions to be agreed with the council's procurement team.

