

## **APPENDIX G: Substance Misuse and Alcohol Service re-tender information**

### **1. Background**

- 1.1 The total allocated spend on substance misuse and alcohol services in 2013/14 is approximately £5m. Existing contracts run until the end of 2013/14.
- 1.2 There are three main providers of substance misuse and alcohol services in Brighton and Hove. These are:
  1. Sussex Partnership Foundation Trust (SPFT)
  2. CRI
  3. Brighton Oasis Project (BOP) women only service
- 1.3 The majority of services are provided in the community and include open access information and support services, comprehensive assessment of needs, substitute prescribing, psychosocial support and interventions/counselling, detoxification support, community based alcohol support, relapse prevention, harm reduction services including roll of take home naloxone, health promotion, outreach workers, needle exchange, criminal justice support programmes, peer support initiatives and carer support. SPFT also have five inpatient beds for those requiring more intensive support, and alcohol liaison nurses based in A&E to support people attending with an alcohol related issue.
- 1.4 There are also a number of other organisations commissioned to provide support to clients with substance misuse issues. These are:
  - a) Brighton Housing Trust (BHT) – ‘*Detox Project*’ providing residential programme for people coming off of drugs and/or alcohol and ‘*Recovery Project*’ providing residential rehabilitation for people who have completed detoxification but require additional support to reintegrate into the community and prevent relapse. ‘*Move on*’ provides supported housing to people who required further assistance before they move into independent accommodation. There is also a hostel alcohol nurse to support hostel residents with alcohol dependence issues.
  - b) MIND – service user involvement worker
  - c) St Johns Ambulance – first aid and overdose prevention training
  - d) St Thomas Fund (part of CRI) – residential rehabilitation and drop in service for homeless
  - e) Equinox – assertive outreach to street drinkers
  - f) General Practice and Communities Pharmacies – substance misuse support service, alcohol brief interventions, supervised consumption and needle exchange services.

### **2. Procurement Plans**

- 2.1 The last procurement exercise for substance misuse and alcohol services took place in 2007. Given the recent national strategy developments, promoting a move to recovery and re-integration, it is timely to review drug and alcohol services available locally, and undertake a re-tendering exercise to shape the future delivery of services. This would be with a view to having new contracts awarded and services operational from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015. Existing contracts will be extended by one year to allow sufficient time to undertake the required development and procurement work. Given the large number of services provided and the complexity of these, external support is being sourced to assist this process.

2.2 The plan for the development and procurement work will roughly follow the below time line:

- § Stakeholder consultation begins– **June 2013**
- § Stakeholder consultation continues and outline draft of specifications – **July 2013**
- § Draft specifications developed – **August 2013**
- § Specifications development and soft market event – **September 2013**
- § Specifications finished – **October 2013**
- § Procurement work to commence – **approximately January 2014 for nine months**
- § Decisions made on providers – **before Christmas 2014**
- § New services to begin – **April 2015**