

**TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITIES AND FUNDING FOR TIER 4 SERVICES
(RESIDENTIAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT)**

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Executive Summary:

This report is seeking approval to transfer the responsibilities and associated budget for managing the assessment and placement of individuals requiring tier 4 services (residential drugs and alcohol detoxification and rehabilitation) from Milton Keynes Council to Compass Adult Drug and Alcohol Service.

The transfer will be for 1 year, from 5 April 2017 to 31 March 2018.

1. Recommendation(s)

- 1.1 That the responsibilities and budget for managing the assessment and placement of individuals requiring tier 4 services be transferred to Compass for 1 year from 5 April 2017 to 31 March 2018, by way of a contract variation.

2. Background

- 2.1 Milton Keynes Council's Public Health team has a responsibility to commission community based drugs and alcohol services and to fund individual placements in residential treatment facilities where community treatment has been unsuccessful or is unable to meet the presenting need.
- 2.2 Public Health currently transfers tier 4 funding to the Adult Social Care Assessment Team to manage the assessment and placement process. This arrangement is not achieving best value for money and will no longer be tenable from 1 April 2017 due to a change in staffing arrangements.
- 2.3 Compass currently holds the community adult drug and alcohol treatment contract until 31 March 2018. Transferring the tier 4 funding and responsibilities to Compass will enable a more integrated treatment system which will maximise people's chances of achieving sustained recovery.

3. Options

- 3.1 A comprehensive options appraisal was undertaken to consider which delivery model would achieve the best outcomes and value for money. The benefits and risks of the following options were considered:
- (a) Maintain the current arrangements, funding ASCAT to manage all tier 4 assessments and placements.

- (b) Set up a tier 4 provider framework to manage the placement process.
- (c) Transfer all tier 4 responsibilities to Compass.

Option C was assessed as the preferred option as it offered the best opportunity to achieve successful outcomes and value for money.

3.2 Compass' contractual terms and conditions and service specification will be reviewed and amended to reflect the additional responsibilities, with Key Performance Indicators agreed and monitored.

3.3 Financial monitoring will be built into quarterly performance review meetings with Compass, undertaken by the Public Health Drugs and Alcohol lead.

4. Implications

4.1 Policy

The award of this contract will progress the priorities/outcomes within the following Corporate Planning documents:

- (a) The Joint Health and Wellbeing strategy for Milton Keynes 2015-2018 which places our community at the heart of our commissioning intentions to improve health and wellbeing and to reduce health inequalities for our population
- (b) The Council's Drug and Alcohol Strategy 2014-17, specifically to improve access to inpatient detoxification and residential rehabilitation for service users assessed as requiring this level of treatment

4.2 Risk

- (a) The risk assessment for this option is available on request.
- (b) The key opportunity secured by this option is a more integrated drug and alcohol treatment system leading to better outcomes for individuals with a high level of need. It is assessed that this opportunity has a high likelihood and a high positive impact.
- (c) The key threats for this option have been assessed as:

Risk	Likelihood/Impact	Mitigation	Likelihood/Impact after mitigation
Gap in provision during the transition to Compass whilst Compass recruit a tier 4 worker	Medium	Compass to cover the post via an agency worker whilst recruiting	L

4.3 Financial

The tier 4 budget will be met from the Public Health Service Budget.

- (a) The current annual budget of £150,000 will be reduced to £85,000 per annum, making a 43% saving against the current budget.
- (b) The tier 4 budget will be ring-fenced and any underspend will be clawed back by the Council at year end.
- (c) Resource and Risk Implications

N	Capital	Y	Revenue	N	Accommodation
N	IT	N	Medium Term Plan	N	Asset Management

4.4 Carbon and Energy Management

This proposal will not adversely impact upon the Council's Carbon and Energy Management Policy.

4.5 Legal

The Council's Legal Department has been consulted and agrees that the Council can transfer its responsibilities to fund tier 4 placements to Compass, with the following conditions:

- (a) There is robust financial monitoring in place.
- (b) The terms and conditions of Compass' contract, including the specification is reviewed and amended to reflect the requirements and to ensure that any risks are adequately addressed and mitigated.

The Public Health Drugs and Alcohol lead will ensure that these conditions are followed, liaising with the Legal Department as required.

4.6 Other Implications

Y	Equalities/Diversity	Y	Sustainability	N	Human Rights
N	E-Government	Y	Stakeholders	N	Crime and Disorder

Background Papers: Tier 4 Options Appraisal