

London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham Record of Cabinet Member Decision

The call-in has expired and this decision can be implemented.

- ❖ Draft Decision List published on: 24 March 2023
- ❖ Confirmed Decision List published on: 29 March 2023

1. **TITLE: Direct awards to two providers to allow a staggered timetable for public health services procurement**

2. **DECISION MADE BY:** Deputy Leader

3. **DECISION:**

1. It is recommended that the Council enters into contracts with the following providers for the periods as set out in table 1 below: effective from 1st April 2023 to 30th September for the young people's substance misuse and sexual health service; and 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 for the sexual health outreach and advisory service for adults. The total value of the contracts will be £465,497 and will be funded from the ringfenced Public Health grant.
2. It is further recommended that the Council notes payment to the following providers for the periods set out in table 1 below, from 1st October 2022 to 31st March 2023. The total value of the payments is £282,497, also funded from the ringfenced Public Health grant.

4. **REASON FOR DECISION:**

H&F has a statutory duty to provide elements of these services as part of its public health functions under the Local Authorities (Public Health Functions and Entry to Premises by Local Healthwatch Representatives) Regulations 2013.

Direct wards are sought in order to ensure the continuation of vital services until the proposed tenders are completed.

Substance misuse support promotes resident's wider wellbeing which reduces costs to other service areas. Sexual health promotion and advisory services provide a range of social and economic benefits which include reducing the need for more costly acute Genito-Urinary Medicine services. Ensuring the continuation of these services will ensure that there are no gaps in support provided to residents, some of which are the boroughs most at risk.

5. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

These direct awards are sought in order to ensure the continuation of these vital services, which are accessed by some of the most vulnerable residents, and until the on-going procurement exercises are completed.

Do nothing is not a viable option as the current contracts expired on 30 September 2022.

6. **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND DISPENSATIONS GRANTED:**

None

Date of Decision
17 March 2023