



POLICY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE- 20TH APRIL 2010

SUBJECT: PROCUREMENT PROCESSES

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to advise Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee of the approval and award of nine pre-existing Social Services arrangements (detailed below), which were subject to single-source procurement processes in accordance with clause 11.01 of Standing Orders for Contracts.
- 1.2 The actions undertaken by Head of Procurement and Directors of Corporate, Social and Environmental Services in accordance with EU Directives and Internal Standing Orders for Contracts.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Directorates stated above had long-standing arrangements with third-party Service Providers, which had previously never been subject to formal competitive procurement processes.
- 2.2 The Arrangements have now been subject to a single source procurement process in accordance with clause 11.01 of the Authority's Standing orders for Contracts, and duly approved by the respective Directors.
- 2.3 The single source processes would enable current Service Providers and Social Services to put adequate plans in place for future competitive tendering processes.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 The report links with the aims and objectives of the authority in line with the Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Strategy.
 - Social care plan, Children's Joint Strategic Plan & Children's First M.A.P.
 - Developing specialist mental health services.
 - Promoting health and well-being.
 - Expanding and developing community based services.
 - Enable independent living in communities through appropriate support mechanisms for individual families and carers.
 - Addressing the needs of socially excluded groups.
 - Providing care in the most appropriate setting.
 - Partnership with the voluntary sector.
 - Suitable services for Health and Social Care aimed at promoting independent living.

3.2 The report links with the SME Friendly Charter (Approved by Cabinet in 2007) in terms of providing support and guidance to inexperienced providers together with the provision of time to enable interested organisations to prepare for a future formal tendering process.

4. THE REPORT

4.1 Approval was sought, and agreed, by the Directors of Corporate Services, Social Services and Environmental Services via the Head of Procurement to carry out single source processes with the current providers, for the arrangements detailed below in accordance with the Authority's Standing Orders for Contracts.

4.2 Contracts have been awarded under Standing Order 11.02. A brief description of the services provided and respective Service Provider is detailed below:

4.2.1 The arrangement with the Alzheimer's Society, provides practical help with daily living tasks within the Service Users own home, enabling the person to continue with daily activities and pastimes, whilst promoting and maintaining social inclusion and reducing the risk of social isolation.

- Service
Service Provider Dementia Outreach Service
The Alzheimer's Society

4.2.2 The purpose of this arrangement is to provide a service supporting carers of people who experience mental ill health and an early intervention service for individuals presenting with early onset psychosis or with signs or symptoms of developing a psychosis.

- Service
Service Provider Advocacy Support Intervention
Hafal

4.2.3 This service arrangement is with Reach Supported Living. Reach is a member of the Seren Group, an organisation providing housing support for people with learning disabilities, mental issues and physical disabilities throughout South Wales since 1988. Reach support and encourage people to live as independently as possible within their own homes and through involvement in their communities.

- Service
Service Provider Extra Care Service at Cefn Glas
Reach Supported Living

4.2.4 The single source process was carried out with Brynawel House Alcohol Rehabilitation Centre. Due to the specific requirements of the Service Users there are minimal providers in the marketplace who hold and maintain the experience of programmes that provides the necessary requirements of the specific Service Users.

- Service
Service Provider Substance Misuse
Brynawel House Alcohol Rehabilitation Centre

4.2.5 Castell Llwyd Farm provides a day service to people with learning difficulties. This arrangement enables adults with learning disabilities to experience being part of a working farm/small holding, offering a wide range of associated activities that would not be available elsewhere in the community in such a supportive environment.

- Service
Service Provider Daytime Opportunities Service
for people with Learning Disabilities
Castell Llwyd

4.2.6 Problem drug use in the UK is characterised by the use of multiple drugs and is strongly associated with socio-economic deprivation and other factors that may affect parenting capacity. It is typically chaotic and unpredictable. Serious health and social consequences are common. Parental problem drug use can and often compromises children’s health and development at every stage from conception onwards. The objective of the Young Carers Substance Misuse Service is to offer individual care, group activities, peer support, confidence building, self-esteem and education to young carers which is currently provided by Barnardos

- Service Provider Community Safety Partnership
Barnardos

4.2.7 The Service is provided by Drug Aid and will provide a Tier 2 level of service. Tier 2 is defined in Models of Care/Treatment Framework as providing accessible drug and alcohol specialist services for a wide range of drug and alcohol misusers referred from a variety of sources, including self-referral. The purpose of the Young Persons Service is to deliver an individualised and planned programme of assessment, intervention and care for certain identified children and young people who are misusing substances.

- Service Provider Community Safety Partnership
Drug Aid

4.2.8 The Open Access Alcohol Service provides information, advice, counselling and support to alcohol misusers and their families.

- Service Provider Open Access Alcohol Service
Gwent Alcohol Project

4.2.9 This service is a joint arrangement, incorporating the requirements of Children Services, Housing and Children and Young People Partnership. Only Children Services requirements had previously been subject to a procurement process in line with EU Directives and Standing Orders for Contracts. Due to the complexity of the services provided by Caerphilly Women’s Aid within their refuges, it was deemed inappropriate to subject the service to a competitive tendering process.

- Service Provider Domestic Violence
Caerphilly Women’s Aid

4.3 Health and Safety and Insurance have been considered and approved by the relevant departments.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The annual values for the services are as follows and have been approved via the Project Initiation Document (PID) by relevant Directors and Finance Managers.

5.1.1 Service Provision for Dementia Outreach Service Contract Ref: CCBC/PS625/09/MO
Annual Value £116,738.00

5.1.2 Service Provision for Advocacy Support Intervention Contract Ref: CCBC/PS605/09/MO
Annual Value £104,172.00

5.1.3 Service Provision for Extra Care Service at Cefn Glas Contract Ref: CCBC/PS531/09/MO
Annual Value £376,419.00

5.1.4 Service Provision for Substance Misuse Contract Ref: CCBC/PS575/09/MO
Annual Value £62,500.00

- 5.1.5 Service Provision for Daytime Opportunities Service Contract Ref: CCBC/PS568/08/RN
Annual Value £44,850.00
- 5.1.6 Service Provision for Community Safety Partnership Contract Ref: CCBC/PS562/08/RN
Annual Value £35,000.00
- 5.1.7 Service Provision for Community Safety Partnership Contract Ref: CCBC/PS563/08/RN
Annual Value £56,553.00
- 5.1.8 Service Provision for Open Access Alcohol Service Contract Ref: CCBC/PS561/08/RN
Annual Value £58,166.00
- 5.1.9 Service Provision for Caerphilly Women's Aid Contract Ref: CCBC/PS663/09/KM
Annual Value £93,733.00

6. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no personnel implications.

7. CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 Consultation has taken place and comments and views are reflected within the report

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 The actions undertaken by Head of Procurement and Directors of Corporate, Social Services, Environment and Education and Leisure in accordance with Standing Orders for Contracts be noted.

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Background Papers: File Reference:

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