

# Delegated Power Record

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## Public

If the details of the decision are confidential, please select the category for exemption under the Local Government Act 1972

Choose an item.

<b>Reference</b>	<b>ADCOM-23-017</b>
<b>Corporate Plan Priority</b>	Meeting Residents' Needs
<b>Delegation Title</b>	Sexual Health Prevention for South Tees
<b>Delegated Power Number</b>	450 In accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules 8.13: Award a Contract to the most economically advantageous bidder
<b>Date of Exercise</b>	17/03/2023
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Cllr Steve Kay
<b>Assistant Director</b>	Fran Anderson

<b>Type of Decision (Key/Executive/Non-Executive)</b>	Key - Executive
<b>FOR KEY DECISIONS ONLY</b>	
<b>Delegated Power Forward Plan Ref</b>	ADD0053
<b>Date Decision Published in Forward Plan</b>	<b>16/09/22</b>
<b>Urgency</b> (For Key Decisions not included in Forward Plan only)	Not Applicable

<b>Background to Decision:</b>
<p>There is a statutory duty incumbent on Local Authorities, Clinical Commissioning Groups and NHS England and NHS Improvement to commission or provide sexual and reproductive health services.</p> <p>Directors of Public Health together with the sexual health commissioning leads in Tees agreed to re-procure under two contracts. One for the clinical sexual health service (which is a statutory duty) and which has six commissioners (the four Tees local authorities, NHSE &amp; NHSI and NHS Tees Valley CCG) and one for the prevention elements of sexual health (which involves only the four local authority commissioners). This allows the clinical service to focus on delivering those specialist areas of sexual health and at the same time allows for the potential for more interest from the VCS sector to bid for the prevention elements.</p> <p>In addition, Directors of Public Health have since decided to re-procure on a South Tees footprint only to allow prevention services to be more tailored to the needs of the local population and organisations already in place supporting young people.</p>

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The clinical service has been successfully procured. The incumbent provider, Virgin Care Health Services Ltd. (now called HCRG Caregroup Ltd.) was the successful bidder and the new contract started on 1 August 2021.

Prevention elements of sexual health include:

- a C-Card Scheme (free condom scheme for 13–24-year-olds);
- education and training to schools, colleges and other services working with young people to build knowledge and resilience.
- outreach to men who have sex with men (MSM) for rapid STI testing including HIV.
- outreach to the BAME community and other vulnerable groups.

Service specifications were developed to describe the requirements of the two areas of sexual health prevention. Lot 1 - a South Tees C-Card scheme and Education and Training service and Lot 2 – a community outreach service.

Specifications were informed by Joint Strategic Needs Assessments, the Tees Sexual Health Assessment, Equality Impact Assessments, a review of the current contract performance and views and feedback of stakeholders and focus groups.

### **Decision Considerations:**

A total of three bidders submitted tenders and all bidders progressed to the evaluation of the award questionnaire and pricing submission.

A total of 90% was available for the award questionnaire (QUALITY) including social value questions. A total of 10% (COST) was available for price submission.

Following evaluation, in line with procurement regulations, successful bidders were identified. Lot 1 to be awarded to Brook who are the leading national charity, which focuses on education and empowering young people to make informed decisions about their sexual health and wellbeing. Lot 2 to be awarded to Terence Higgins Trust (THT), which is another British charity that campaigns about and provides services relating to HIV and sexual health.

The successful bids provided the best quality, was within the funding envelope for the prevention services and assured the evaluation panel that the offer had appropriately considered equity, accessibility, impact upon outcomes and was reasonable in terms of evidence provided.

### **Full details of decision:**

To seek approval for Redcar and Cleveland to award contracts to Brook and Terence Higgins Trust with a view to commence the new service on 1 April 2023. The contract period will be 28 months ending 31 July 2025.

### **Financial detail:**

Total contract value for RCBC -1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025 is **£141,987** from the ring-fenced public health budget.

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Lot 1 total contract value = £103,000

Lot 2 total contract value = £38,987.23

## Delivering Social Value:

We will deliver both quality and value for money to ensure that our residents receive the best service to promote good sexual health and reduce sexual health inequalities. Delivering Social Value was part of the evaluation, and the winning bidders will be required to sign the Council's Social Value Charter.

## Reasons for Decision:

Recent changes in public health outcome performance and COVID-19 has driven the need to change the service model.

## Details of alternative options considered (if any) and reasons for rejection:

There is no option to do nothing as a break in prevention service delivery from 31 March 2023 would put young people at greater risk of sexual ill health, potential unwanted pregnancies and increased STIs.

## Details of any conflict of interest declared by any Elected Member consulted in relation to the decision:

This must be left blank. Business Support will seek this information from the Cabinet Member.

## Details of any dispensation granted in respect of any conflict of interest:

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## Background Papers:

State where any additional papers may be held, any background information (if applicable)

## Officer Name (Print)

Jacky Booth

## Officer Signature



## Submission date

8<sup>th</sup> February 2023

## Procurement Approval




The request complies with the Councils Contract Procedure Rules



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## Signatures

<b>CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE &amp; DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</b> <b>Cllr Kay approved via email</b>	<b>Date 17/03/2023</b>
<b>CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER</b> 	<b>Date 27/02/2023</b>
<b>CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER</b> 	<b>Date 13/02/2023</b>
<b>CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES</b> 	<b>Date 10/02/2023</b>

## Call-In (Key Decisions Only)

Choose an item.

Reasons for dis-applying Call-In due to urgency to be added here if relevant. This will need to be reported to the next meeting of the Borough Council and the reasons must demonstrate that any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interests.

**Date Decision will become effective**

29 March 2023.

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	To be completed by Democratic Services – date will be not less than expiry of 5 working days from publication unless urgency applies.
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