

THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST: For PCC approval.

Title: Heroin Assisted Treatment Scheme Extension

Executive Summary:

In June 2019, the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Cleveland allocated funding to support the development and delivery of a 12-month Heroin Assisted Treatment (HAT) pilot scheme in Middlesbrough (DRF Ref. 2019-00153811 refers).

Current PCC grant arrangements for the HAT scheme were due to expire on 30th June 2020, but existing terms and conditions of the grant were extended to 30th September to align with the implementation date of the scheme.

It is requested that grant arrangements supporting HAT are extended for a further 12-months to the value of £288,123 to support the continuation of the scheme from 1st October 2020 – 30th September 2021.

Based on current performance and significant benefits of the scheme in reducing offending behaviour and substance misuse, £50,000 funding has been secured from Durham Tees Valley Community Rehabilitation Company to support the continuation of the scheme for a further 12-months.

Additional partnership investment and alternative funding opportunities are being explored – at the same time, the PCC wishes to underpin the continued development and delivery of the scheme with income secured through the Asset Recovery Incentivisation Scheme (ARIS) as agreed in March 2020 (DRF Ref. 2020-00198446 refers).

To inform future co-commissioning arrangements and wider drug policy development the HAT scheme is being independently evaluated by Teesside University with findings expected in autumn 2020.

The HAT scheme supports the PCC's objective of Tackling Offending and Re-offending.

Decision:

For PCC Approval

OPCC Lead Officer: Lisa Oldroyd

Contractor Details (if applicable): Foundations Medical Practice

Implications:

Has consideration been taken of the following:	Yes	No	
Financial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Legal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Equality & Diversity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Human Rights	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sustainability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Risk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

(If yes please provide further details below)

Decision Required – Supporting Information

Financial Implications: (Must include comments of the PCC's Chief Finance Officer where the decision has financial implications)

Through a combination of core budgets, funding from partners and use of 'proceed of crime' money then there is sufficient funding to support the extension of this programme for a further 12 months.

Legal Implications: (Must include comments of the Monitoring Officer where the decision has legal implication)

Having read this report and having considered such information as has been provided at the time of being asked to express this view, the Chief Executive is satisfied that this report does not ask the PCC to make a decision which would (or would be likely to) give rise to a contravention of the law.

Equality and Diversity Implications

HAT will be accessible to anyone regardless of background, gender, ethnic group, sexual orientation. Through a multi-agency approach HAT systematically addresses social and health inequalities facing people who are suffering with heroin addiction and have offended or at risk of offending through identification and improvement of priority support pathways.

Human Rights Implications

HAT is an evidence-based and validated pharmacological treatment for heroin dependence. Access to this treatment protects rights to life.

Sustainability Implications

The level of funding received via the Asset Recovery Incentivisation Scheme (ARIS) is unlikely to be sufficient to sustain the forecast level of costs associated with the Heroin Assisted Treatment Programme on a permanent basis and therefore if the early positive signs of this scheme continue then a longer term sustainable method of supporting this scheme will be required.

Risk Management Implications

As part of the HAT governance arrangements a multi-agency project board oversees delivery of the scheme, including shared ownership and management of HAT risk register.

OFFICER APPROVAL

Monitoring Officer

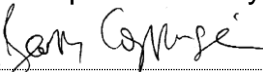
I have been consulted about the decision and confirm that financial, legal, and equalities advice has been taken into account. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Signed 

Date 1st July 2020

Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request HAS my approval.

Signed 

Date 1st July 2020