

Officer Executive Decisions

Heading: *Delegation of Substance Misuse Commissioning.*

On 9 July 2013, the Cabinet considered a report that sought approval for the commissioning of adult drug and alcohol treatment to be delegated to Kent County Council (KCC) on behalf of Medway.

It was noted that commissioning of substance misuse treatment services became the responsibility of Medway Council on 1 April 2013 as a result of the Health and Social Care Act 2012. Previously the responsibility was with Medway Primary Care Trust although a partnership team was hosted by Medway Council to facilitate this.

Members were advised that the Kent Drug and Alcohol Action team as part of KCC commissioned services had the subject and commissioning expertise to ensure that a new recovery focussed treatment system was commissioned for Medway clients.

The proposal to use KCC substance misuse commissioning team expertise to commission on the council's behalf had been approved by Medway DAAT Board and the Procurement Board, subject to final approval by the Leader/Cabinet.

A copy of the Cabinet report is available via the following link:
<http://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=115&MId=2758&Ver=4>

Delegation from Leader and Cabinet and date: The Cabinet on 9 July 2013 approved the delegation of substance misuse commissioning function to Kent County Council in a form to be approved by the Assistant Director, Legal and Corporate Services.

Decision: The Assistant Director, Legal and Corporate Services approved the use of a delegation agreement to discharge this function to KCC.

Reasons for Decision: The Councils agreed to the delegation of the Functions to facilitate the joint delivery of certain of their customer service provision (i.e. commissioning of substance misuse treatment services) with a view to their more economical, efficient and effective discharge.

Date of Decision: The delegation was signed off on 13 September 2013.

Officer: The delegation was signed on behalf of Medway Council by Hannah Langford (Lawyer) hannah.langford@medway.gov.uk; 01634 332 141.

Details of any other options considered and rejected: The report to Cabinet considered the options available, which was supplemented by external legal advice.

Conflicts of Interest: *None*