

Item No. 14.	Classification: Open	Date: 6 March 2024	Meeting Name: Cabinet
Report title:		Gateway 2 – Contract Award Approval Integrated sexual and reproductive health service	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All wards	
Cabinet Member:		Councillor Evelyn Akoto, Health and Wellbeing	

FOREWORD – COUNCILLOR EVELYN AKOTO, CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Looking after the sexual and reproductive health of our residents and ensuring they have access to good, diverse services is important to us in Southwark.

We want to support them to have healthy and fulfilling sexual relationships; access to Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) testing and treatment; good reproductive health across the life course and are supported to live well with HIV. We are proud that our past initiatives have resulted in decreasing new HIV diagnosis.

Southwark has a young and diverse population and faces significant sexual health challenges which often have high sexual and reproductive health needs with inequalities in health experienced across the population. That is why the council will be working with King’s College Hospital NHS FT to develop a clinic service offer for younger people, which complements our preventative outreach work with young people.

We are committed to tackling health inequalities and addressing the sexual and reproductive health needs of our communities through our partnerships with our local integrated sexual and reproductive health clinical service at King’s College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust. The clinic ensures that our residents have access to high quality reproductive and contraceptive health services, HIV testing and treatment and accessible STI testing and treatment to help prevent the spread of, and harm from, STIs.

This report sets out the proposal to award a contract to King’s College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust to deliver an integrated sexual and reproductive health service to our population from 1 April 2024 onwards following the end of their current contract.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Cabinet approve the use of a contract for the delivery of an integrated sexual and reproductive health service, let by Lambeth Council on Southwark Council's behalf to King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust for a period of up to seven years, for an estimated contract value of up to £10,117,975.
2. That the Cabinet note the estimated annual value is £1,445,425, and the contract is broken down into three contract phases, with an initial term of three years, and two extensions of two years each scheduled to commence on 1 April 2024.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3. The initial Gateway 1 (GW1) paper setting out the procurement strategy for the borough's integrated sexual and reproductive health services (ISRHS) was presented to Cabinet in July 2023. The report was approved and the procurement strategy for Lambeth Council to enter into direct negotiations on behalf of Southwark with King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (KCH) to procure this service has been followed in order to develop this contract proposal. The GW1 paper also covered services provided by Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust (GSTT), for which a separate paper will be brought to Cabinet later in the year.
4. The Gateway 1 paper dated 10 July 2023, included in the background documents to this paper sets out a detailed background to this work, including outlining the sexual and reproductive health needs in Southwark which this service will be seeking to meet, and the statutory basis of sexual and reproductive health services.
5. KCH sexual health clinicians have been fully engaged and involved in the development of service planning, improvement and innovative developments for the new proposed service specification. The negotiation process has ensured that the provider is able to meet the required quality of service and is aligned with the goals of the service, while keeping the financial costs for this within the budget available.
6. Engagement with the community and service users on key elements of sexual and reproductive health services was undertaken prior to the negotiations. This informed discussions about the priorities for the specification with the provider, and is set out in paragraphs 49 - 51 of this report. Engagement will continue to take place through the process of mobilisation of the new service models and engagement. Continuous improvements are integrated in the contract specification and reporting requirements.

7. The integrated sexual and reproductive health service provided by King’s College Hospital supports Southwark Council to meet its statutory obligations to provide open access sexual health services. It also supports us in our ambitions set out in our Sexual and Reproductive Health Strategy to improve sexual and reproductive health outcomes in the borough:
- Healthy and fulfilling sexual relationships
 - Good reproductive health across the life course
 - High quality and innovative STI testing and treatment and
 - Living well with HIV.
8. Despite high sexual health need in Southwark, progress can be seen. Although the number of people living with HIV in Southwark remains high, the new HIV diagnosis per 100,000 population has decreased significantly from 82.5 per 100,000 in 2012 to 25.5 per 100,000 in 2022 (OHID Fingertips: Sexual and Reproductive Health Profiles). King’s College Hospital provides testing and pre-exposure prophylaxis, contributing to this improvement. In light of the significant sexual health needs of the borough and risk factors for poor sexual health across the Southwark population, good access to STI testing and treatment services is a key priority. Southwark is a young and diverse borough, with a large community of LGBTQ+ residents. These groups all have higher burdens of sexual ill-health than other groups. To meet these needs, Southwark have the second highest STI testing rate (excluding under 25 Chlamydia testing) in the country, at 17,273 per 100,000 in 2022 which has been supported by the clinic at King’s College Hospital. This helps to support timely detection and treatment of sexually transmitted infections and prevent onward transmission (OHID Fingertips: Sexual and Reproductive Health Profiles).

Procurement project plan (Key Decision)

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Activity	Completed by/Complete by:
Forward Plan (If Strategic Procurement) Gateway 2	01/11/2023
Briefed relevant cabinet member GW1 (over £100k)	06/06/2023
Approval of Gateway 1: Procurement Strategy Report	10/07/2023
DCRB Review Gateway 2: Contract Award Report	20/12/2023
CCRB Review Gateway 2: Contract Award Report	18/01/2024
CMT Review	06/02/2024
LMB Review	08/02/2024

Activity	Completed by/Complete by:
Notification of forthcoming decision – despatch of Cabinet agenda papers	26/02/2024
Approval of Gateway 2: Contract Award Report	06/03/2024
End of Scrutiny Call-in period and notification of implementation of Gateway 2 decision	15/03/2024
Contract award	15/03/2024
Add to Contract Register	15/03/2024
Contract start	01/04/2024
Publication of award notice in Find a Tender Service	15/03/2024
Publication of award notice on Contracts Finder	15/03/2024
Contract completion date	31/03/2027
Contract completion date – if extension(s) exercised	31/03/2031

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

Description of procurement outcomes

10. A service specification for the new service has been jointly developed between the councils commissioning the services, Southwark and Lambeth, and the provider delivering the service, KCH NHS FT. The service will help Southwark to meet the council’s statutory requirements for sexual and reproductive health services and will complement the ongoing London Sexual Health Transformation Project. The service specification is based on the national integrated reproductive and sexual health service specification, and has developed additional foci on the areas discussed below.

11. KCH NHS FT has committed to working alongside Southwark and Lambeth Councils on anti-racist service design, policies and practices, to reduce inequalities in sexual and reproductive health in the two boroughs. Southwark, Lambeth and KCH NHS FT will work to take action to describe and tackle systemic bias in service planning and provision by addressing unconscious bias, reducing bias in the service planning process and achieving change in practice through system wide actions. This will include creating an environment to reduce inequalities and improve access, outcomes and experiences, understanding cultural barriers, creating responsive service design, creating feedback loops, safe environments for difficult conversations and a having a strategic approach to outreach. Progress on reducing inequalities will be monitored as part of the performance management arrangements set out at paragraphs 22 to 24 below.

12. KCH NHS FT will be developing the service to ensure that it is welcoming to all through improvements in the access and the ethos of service provision. Proposed access improvements include access to booked appointments for residents; online booking through 'Find Sexual Health'; increased phone consultation activity; improvements to cancellation and rebooking of appointments; and, self-management pathways for appropriate conditions. KCH NHS FT provided just over 7,500 appointments (largely via walk-in) with 13,000 patient interventions to Southwark residents in the 2022-23 year. The service will be expected to increase the number of appointments and interventions offered to Southwark residents through the life of the contract, working with local outreach providers and commissioners to bring local groups and individuals with high levels of sexual health need into the clinic.
13. KCH NHS FT are working alongside Southwark and Lambeth Councils to further develop their clinic services offer for younger people. KCH NHS FT is developing plans to provide clinical activity for younger people and are developing discussions on how and where this offer can be integrated into Southwark services for younger people.
14. The new contract and service specification will also include:
 - KCH role as a system leader, holding clinical leadership and governance roles. These leadership roles are key to the success of separately commissioned services doing outreach work, prevention and providing sexual and reproductive health services in primary care across the borough.
 - KCH responsibilities for complex care, which includes both in-reach and outreach, and ensuring this work is coordinated with non-clinically complex outreach services.
 - Sexual and reproductive health intervention and prevention work (SHIP), including in-reach and outreach to other services for individuals with complex needs within the hospital environment and through external providers.
 - The development of a pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) online pathway.
 - The development and recommendation of further, and enhanced, testing through an online pathway.
 - The identification of further opportunities for channel shifting to appropriate services.
 - The inclusion of CliniQ, an inclusive Trans sexual health service, as part of the KCH service, supporting Trans men, Trans women and genderqueer or non-binary residents with sexual and

reproductive health needs. This is currently a separately commissioned service that provides a monthly sexual health clinic based out of Kings College Hospital and a monthly GP surgery (The Bridge). This will be brought within this contract and under KCH clinical governance. The service offer includes sexual health checks, sexual health treatment, counselling, cervical smears, counselling, sexual assault support and hormone and advice.

- Contribution and attendance to all Child and Adult Safeguarding and other multi-disciplinary boards.
- A commitment to provide apprenticeships for local residents within the services, in line with Southwark's Fairer Future Procurement Framework requirements, and plans detailed within the contract. Kings have a large apprenticeship programme, with targets for 260 apprenticeships across ten programme areas from business admin and customer service up to nursing and healthcare science. Appropriate options for this area will be included within KCH's business prioritisation process in the first year of the contract.
- A defined change control schedule and mechanism, enabling enhanced visibility and control of variations throughout the lifetime of the contract. Any proposed changes in site or location for clinics must be agreed with commissioners in advance, and any service change must be agreed with commissioners in advance.
- That the services and commissioners will work across the integrated care system (ICS), and with the integrated care board (ICB) on a co-commissioned pathway for genital dermatology, and a cross-specialty clinic with dermatology and genitourinary medicine.
- A commitment to work jointly with the ICS on continuing to improve pathways on complex genitourinary medicine (recurrent herpes and bacterial vaginosis, or BV) and informal psychosexual counselling, medical gynaecology and also engage with the women's health hub work and pathways.
- A commitment to the adoption of future changes to the integrated sexual health (ISH) tariffs which require reviewing and re-baselining.
- A commitment to discuss uplifts to annual contract prices where public health grant income has been increased for this purpose, where this is affordable within the increase awarded, and where a review of the contract and needs recommends this to be appropriate. The discussion to inform this decision will include input from both councils' Directors of Public Health, finance and governance teams and the provider trust.

Policy implications

15. The approval of the contract would continue to satisfy the council's responsibilities to deliver sexual and reproductive health services under the 2012 Health and Social Care Act.

16. The proposed contract will support the current Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham Sexual and Reproductive Health Strategy for 2019-2024, and the direction of a future strategy from 2025 onwards. The current strategy describes shared goals and actions for improving SRH across the boroughs and is underpinned by four priority areas:
 - Healthy and fulfilling sexual relationships
 - Good reproductive health across the life course
 - High quality and innovative STI testing and treatment and,
 - Living well with HIV.

17. The proposed contract directly contributes to ensuring Southwark's Public Sector Equality Duty as described in paragraphs 28 - 30.

Tender process

18. This is not applicable for this report - a negotiated procedure was followed for this procurement, as permitted under the Provider Selection Regime Direct Award C.

Tender evaluation

19. Please refer to paragraphs 10 - 14 for contractual outcomes required from the negotiation.

Plans for the transition from the old to the new contract

20. KCH currently provides an integrated sexual and reproductive health service in Southwark, and under the proposed new contract, would continue to do so, from the same site. The new contract and specification will be in place from 1 April 2024. Developing elements including the younger person's clinic will be in progress through the first six months of the contract.

Plans for monitoring and management of the contract

21. The council's contract register publishes the details of all contracts over £5,000 in value to meet the obligations of the Local Government Transparency Code. The Report Author will ensure that all appropriate details of this procurement are added to the relevant Lambeth and Southwark contract registers.

22. The joint Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham (LSL) sexual and reproductive health commissioning team, hosted in Lambeth Council, will lead the contract management of the new service and oversee the implementation of the new service model within the first year of the contract, working closely with public health and commissioning colleagues in Southwark. Further action plans will be developed as necessary for the duration of the first three years of the contract.
23. Quarterly contract management meetings between KCH and the LSL joint commissioner will focus on the developmental aspects of the specification, and delivery of the intended outcomes within the Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham Sexual and Reproductive Health Strategy, South East London Health and Wellbeing Strategy and local borough plans. The contract management meetings will be supported by commissioner and provider scrutiny of information from the real time PowerBI database developed by the Lambeth Public Health Business Support Team that enables oversight of service activity and demographics of service users. The automatically collected and updated key performance indicators within the database will be scrutinised alongside the developmental reports and other data from the provider to inform contract management discussions and service development. Key performance indicators will be kept under regular review to ensure they remain relevant and appropriate through the life of the contract.
24. An annual performance report will be submitted to DCRB and CCRB within six months of the contract anniversary.

Identified risks for the new contract

25. Identified risks for the contract are set out in table 1 below.

Risk		Risk level	Mitigation action
1.	Agreed updates to service specifications are not implemented, agreed innovations are not realised	Medium	LSL commissioners are requesting a service implementation plan as part of the contract award process. The service delivery will be monitored on a quarterly basis with issues of concern raised through this process. Concerns will be escalated according to the contract and following Lambeth governance processes. KCH staff have agreed the service specification as part of a negotiated process and feel positive about changes required.

Risk		Risk level	Mitigation action
2.	Change in service staff configuration may be requested to deliver the negotiated new service specification, and may disrupt staff morale / service delivery.	Low	<p>A current staffing profile was identified as part of the contract negotiations.</p> <p>Service staffing has been discussed at every negotiation meeting, and no significant staff changes have been proposed. Commissioners will ensure that the Trust maintains close communication about staffing redesign.</p> <p>No reduction in contract value has been sought as part of these negotiations.</p>
3.	Developments and improvements to commissioned pathways are not realised.	Medium	<p>Service development opportunities across the commissioning landscape will be identified and communicated. Commissioners will ensure representation at ICB/NHSE forum where relevant pathways are being discussed and/or developed.</p> <p>Concerns about progress will be escalated according to Lambeth governance processes.</p> <p>Trust staff want these pathways developed and have agreed these as part of a negotiated process and feel positive about changes required.</p>
4.	The contract award is met with legal challenge.	Low	<p>The LSL commissioning team have maintained active dialogue with London commissioners and other stakeholders (including Legal and Procurement). Advice has been requested and obtained in order to ensure compliance with current procurement legislation.</p>

Risk		Risk level	Mitigation action
5.	The contract becomes unaffordable during the contract period, due to either activity changes, or increase in costs for the provider.	Medium - High	Public Health Grant funding is not automatically uplifted, so no automatic, guaranteed uplifts in contract price have been included in the terms and conditions. Activity across this contract and the wider system will be kept under review during the contract and discussed with the provider. Provider's financial risks and ability to continue to deliver the service will be kept under review through regular performance monitoring.

Community, equalities (including socio-economic) and health impacts

Community impact statement

26. Good sexual and reproductive health is unequally distributed across the population. Southwark faces some of the greatest sexual health challenges in England and has high rates of HIV, sexually transmitted infections (STIs), emergency hormonal contraception (EHC) use and terminations. From 2020-22, over half of the individuals who accessed EHC in Southwark had used EHC on a previous occasion within the last year, which is an indicator of unmet reproductive health need. Populations with the highest sexual and reproductive health need include men who have sex with men, young people and Black and Minority Ethnic Groups.
27. ISRH services provide a range of services to meet sexual and reproductive health (SRH) needs in the borough. The new commissioned services will improve access to services for those with the highest SRH needs in order to better meet those needs. Open access sexual health services will continue to be available for those who are unable to access online service provision.

Equalities (including socio-economic) impact statement

28. An equalities and needs assessment and health impact assessment is being conducted on the proposed service changes. The proposed service changes seek to improve access to all groups in Southwark, and to prioritise vulnerable groups within the community for access to sexual and reproductive health clinic services.
29. Groups in Southwark with a higher need for sexual and reproductive health services include women, people from Black African and Black Caribbean heritage groups, minority ethnic communities, including Latin

Americans, and other minority ethnic groups, young people, men who have sex with men (MSM), the Trans community and non-binary people.

30. The proposed contract and changes to the integrated sexual and reproductive health services would have a positive impact on these groups, and it is intended that access to the service is improved to provide a service that is welcoming and accessible to all and seeks to reduce inequalities in sexual and reproductive health. It is recommended that work continues alongside implementation of the contract to measure the impact of the proposed changes on these groups.

Health impact statement

31. There is a high level of need for ISRH services in Southwark as identified in the Gateway 1 paper dated 10 July 2023 for this service, included as a background paper to this report.

Climate change implications

32. The availability of high-quality ISRH clinics local to Southwark and neighbouring Lambeth promotes the use of active transport such as walking, cycling, and public transportation to attend appointments. The further development of the digital offers for ISRH services reduces unnecessary travel to/from clinic sites where it is not required.

Social Value considerations

33. The Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 requires that the council considers, before commencing a procurement process, how wider social, economic and environmental benefits that may improve the well-being of the local area can be secured. The social value considerations included in the procurement (as outlined in the Gateway 1 report) are set out in the following paragraphs in relation to the negotiated commitments to be delivered under the proposed contract.
34. The proposed contract specifies the provider will pay the London Living Wage (LLW) to all staff employed via these contracts. KCH is a London Living Wage Employer.
35. KCH is signed up to the London Mayor's Healthy Workplace Charter.
36. KCH is committed to delivering creating apprenticeships in line with Southwark's apprenticeship programme under the Fairer Future Procurement Framework.

Economic considerations

37. The health economics argument for investment in ISRH services illustrates the value that they deliver in downstream savings for health and social care services. For example:

- Public Health England (PHE) estimate that every £1 spent on contraceptive services saves £9 across the public sector.
- Preventing STIs such as chlamydia reduces the costs associated with long-term conditions such as pelvic inflammatory disease and preventable infertility.
- Increased access for women of reproductive age to long-acting reversible contraception (e.g. intrauterine devices, injectable contraceptives and implants) and prompt access to emergency contraception has been proven to be cost effective.
- Research from the National Institute for Health and Care Research found that preventing HIV diagnoses through the HIV prevention drug, PrEP, would save the NHS £1 billion over 80 years.

Social considerations

38. The existing contract specifies that KCH will pay the London Living Wage (LLW) to all staff engaged in the delivery of these services, as a London Living Wage Employer. KCH are signed up to the London Mayor's Healthy Workplace Charter.
39. KCH are embedded within and engage with the local community and have safeguarding measures in place to support the most vulnerable patients. They offer outreach and/or specialist clinics to vulnerable women, patients with severe mental illness and drug abuse, and members of the Trans community. GUM services play an important role in screening for potential safeguarding issues in these groups and in all their patients.

Environmental/Sustainability considerations

40. The availability of high-quality ISRH clinics local to Southwark and neighbouring Lambeth promotes the use of active transport such as walking, cycling, and public transportation to attend appointments. The further development of the digital offers for ISRH services reduces unnecessary travel to/from clinic sites where it is not required.

Market considerations

41. The market for provision of clinical genitourinary medicine and ISRH services in London is limited. It is dominated by NHS Foundation Trusts and NHS Hospital Trust providers. There are a very limited number of voluntary sector organisations, which provide basic genitourinary medicine and ISRH services. The NHS Provider Selection Regime (PSR), aims to make it easier for decision makers to integrate services and enhance collaboration and includes removing the requirement for mandatory competition. This can include recommissioning established

NHS trusts who are already providing high quality services without running a competitive procurement process.

Staffing implications

42. There are no staffing implications for the council arising from this contract.

Financial implications

43. The King's College Hospital contract value excluding VAT is:

King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	
	Cost excluding VAT
Estimated annual cost	£1,445,425
Estimated initial three year cost (1 April 2024 – 31 March 2027)	£4,336,275
Estimated total cost for 3 + 2 + 2 year (1 April 2024 – 31 March 2031)	£10,117,975
7 year total cost	£10,117,975

44. The total contract value can be met solely from existing Sexual Health budgets allocated within the Public Health Grant. Lambeth Council will make payments on behalf of Southwark Council to KCH, and Southwark will provide funding to Lambeth Council to cover those payments.

45. The estimated annual maximum value of the contract is £1,445,425. The contract year 1 value is based on the current cost of the service in 2023-24. A mechanism has been proposed in the contract to discuss price changes with the provider over the seven-year contract term based on inflation and uplift guidance from national sources, where this is funded, and where an assessment of appropriateness has been made.

Investment implications

46. This is not applicable for this report.

Legal implications

47. This contract will fall under the new Provider Selection Regime (PSR) that came into force on 1 January 2024.

48. Please see concurrent from the Assistant Chief Executive – Governance and Assurance.

Consultation

49. In 2021, Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham (LSL) commissioners delivered a substantial programme of engagement with service users and clinical professionals to review current integrated sexual and reproductive health services (ISRHS) in order to inform future developments of services. Surveys were conducted with service users and LSL residents who didn't use the ISRHS. Mystery shopping was conducted, with individuals visiting clinics to understand how clinics were performing, and desk-based evidence reviews were undertaken.
50. Commissioners re-engaged service users and clinical professionals to refresh this picture, to understand what has changed since the contracts were first negotiated and to further incorporate their perspectives into the recommissioning of ISRH. This included focus groups, development work, further surveys, campaigns and desk-based research to understand how services have changed and how this has affected the user experience. It has also included the co-production of the specification for the new ISHS with clinicians and other professionals involved within the sexual health system. The findings of this review were used to inform negotiations with KCH to ensure the services meets the needs of Southwark residents.
51. Engagement with service users and providers is planned to continue in order to help inform further service development. Commissioners will continue to review the intelligence gathered and ensure that it helps inform further service improvement throughout the period of the service contracts.

Other implications or issues

52. None identified.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Strategic Director of Finance (35-PHHZ2023-24)

53. The Strategic Director of Finance notes the recommendations set out in this report seeking approval for use of a contract for the delivery of an integrated sexual and reproductive health service, let by Lambeth Council on Southwark Council's behalf to King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust for a period of up to seven years, for an estimated contract value of up to £10,117,975.
54. The estimated annual value is £1,445,425, and the contract is broken down into three contract phases, with an initial term of three years, and two extensions of two years each, scheduled to commence on 01 April 2024.

55. The Strategic Director of Finance also notes the financial implications of this report and there is sufficient budget within the allocated available Public Health resources to fund the estimated total contract value.

Head of Procurement

56. This report seeks approval for the use of a contract for the delivery of an integrated sexual and reproductive health service, let by Lambeth Council on Southwark Council's behalf to King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust for a period of up to seven years, for an estimated contract value of up to £10,117,975. The estimated annual value is £1,445,425, and the contract is broken down into three contract phases, with an initial term of three years, and two extensions of two years each, scheduled to commence on 01 April 2024.
57. The nature of the services to be procured dictates alignment with the Provider Selection Regime 2023 (the PSR) as relevant to "health care services". In accordance with the PSR, the lead commissioning council (Lambeth) may follow a direct award process, (Direct Award Process C "where the existing provider is satisfying the existing contract and will likely satisfy the proposed new contract, and the contract is not changing considerably") notwithstanding observation of associated record-keeping and transparency requirements. It is anticipated that the lead commissioning council will confirm the aforementioned record-keeping and transparency requirements on behalf of Southwark, and advise accordingly re: completion within timescales stipulated by the PSR. In the event that such confirmation is not forthcoming, Southwark will be required to fulfil this requirement in respect of its own contractual contribution. The report is also consistent with the council's Contract Standing Orders, which reserve decision to approve the recommendation to Cabinet following review at DCRB and CCRB.
58. Headline risks associated with the recommended (use of) contract award is contained within table at the end of paragraph 25.
59. Intended alignment with the Fairer Future Procurement Framework (FFPF) is evidenced within the content of paragraphs 26 - 40 generally. Paragraphs 31 – 33 specifically evidence commitment to payment of the London Living Wage, (LLW) the Mayor's Healthy Workplace Charter, and creation of apprenticeships.
60. Proposed methodology for performance/contract monitoring is detailed within paragraphs 22 - 24. The report also confirms that an annual performance review will be provided to the relevant DCRB in alignment with council Contract Standing Orders.
61. The Community, Equalities and Health Impact Statements are set out in paragraphs 26 - 31.

62. The Climate Change, Social Value, Economic and Environmental / Sustainability statements are set out in paragraphs 32 - 40.

Assistant Chief Executive of Governance and Assurance REF: (SB24012024)

63. This report seeks approval for the use of a contract to King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust for the delivery of an integrated sexual and reproductive health service, let by Lambeth Council on Southwark's behalf for a period of up to seven years, including extension options, and scheduled to commence on 01 April 2024.
64. From 1 January 2024 health services of this type are governed by the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023 ("PSR"). Those Regulations permit the council to conduct a direct award process in cases "where the existing provider is satisfying the existing contract and will likely satisfy the proposed new contract, and the contract is not changing considerably", subject to compliance with certain prescribed record keeping and transparency obligations. It is considered that the proposal set out in the report recommendation satisfies the requirements of the PSR.
65. The recommendation of the report is also consistent with the council's Contract Standing Orders, which expressly reserve the decision in this matter to the Cabinet.
66. In making procurement decisions Cabinet should be mindful of the Public Sector Equality Duty under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, and to have regard to the need to (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation or other prohibited conduct, (b) advance equality of opportunity and (c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. The relevant characteristics are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation. The duty also applies to marriage and civil partnership but only in relation to (a). The community impact and equalities impact statements which are set out from paragraphs 26 to 30 note the consideration that has been given to equalities issues and advise that an equalities and needs assessment and a health impact assessment are being conducted on the service changes that will be included in the proposed contract. Those assessments will measure the effect and impact of those service changes on individuals and groups within the community, in particular those with a higher need for sexual and reproductive health services, and who possess a protected characteristic under the Act.
67. Cabinet is also referred to paragraphs 49 to 51 which confirms the extent and detail of the engagement and consultation that has taken place (and will continue to take place) with service users and clinicians in order to inform the development of the service.

Director of Exchequer (for housing contracts only)

68. This is not applicable for this report.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background documents	Held At	Contact
GW1 Integrated sexual and reproductive health services procurement strategy, 10 Jul 2023	Public Health Directorate, Children and Adult Services, 1 st Floor, 160 Tooley Street, SE1 2QH	Layla Glover 020 525 4285
Link (please copy and paste into browser): https://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/documents/s115200/Report%20GW1%20Integrated%20sexual%20and%20reproductive%20health%20services.pdf		
Gateway 0 - Strategic Options Assessment for the provision of genito-urinary medicine services, 15 Jun 2021	Public Health Directorate, Children and Adult Services, 1 st Floor, 160 Tooley Street, SE1 2QH	Layla Glover 020 525 4285
Link (please copy and paste into browser): https://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/documents/s98982/Report%20Gateway-0-template-GUMcontracts.pdf		

APPENDICES

No	Title
None	

AUDIT TRAIL

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Lead Officer	David Quirke-Thornton, Strategic Director of Children and Adult Services	
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CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER		
Officer Title	Comments Sought	Comments included
Strategic Director of Finance	Yes	Yes
Head of Procurement	Yes	Yes
Assistant Chief Executive – Governance and Assurance	Yes	Yes
Director of Exchequer (for housing contracts only)	N/a	N/a
Contract Review Boards		
Departmental Contract Review Board	Yes	Yes
Corporate Contract Review Board	Yes	Yes
Cabinet Member	Yes	Yes
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