**Notes of HRS Covid Catch Up call – 04.18.20**

**1) Actions from last call - 04.11.20:**

* Carly from Arthur Rank to send information to LS who will circulate to the group – **Carly hopes to have something to circulate within the next couple of weeks.**
* LS to try and find out if there is any local definition of what size of scheme constitutes a household – **there doesn’t appear to be any definition covering this.**
* Alison (Orwell) to share copy of RA for LS to include with notes – **this was circulated with the meeting notes**
* ECV staff - LS to see if Public Health can offer any additional guidance on this – **no other guidance is available.**
* Letter have gone to ECV in community from NHS / GP’s

**2) Provider Updates:**

Face coverings – variable with some services but most are complying. Some acceptance of this being the new ‘new norm’.

Where clients are exempt from wearing them that is causing a bit of friction sometimes

A few people have reacted badly to lockdown generally. Unfortunately in some cases this has resulted in eviction.

CHS flagged that Children’s Commissioning have introduced a different Covid reporting system for LAC clients. Not clear if this covers just LAC or all clients within YP HRS services. **Action: LS to liaise with Breege after the meeting**.

College / education – there have been issues where people have had to isolate but have struggled to get access to WiFi to continue studies online. CHS, YMCA & Riverside have all experienced this problem. YMCA are currently looking at how they can expand WiFi access across the building.

**3) CCC Updates:**

* Mental Health – Discussions are taking place with Council commissioned services to look at how these services might be able to better link with HRS projects to support staff or clients.  These are not clinical services but may be able to support navigation of Mental Health pathways and offer some support which will benefit staff or clients.
* HRS Savings – The County Council are currently revisiting the savings requirement for HRS services.  Any recommendation made will be taken to Adults Committee in December.
* Procurement;

PCC:

Awaiting a response on move from grants to contracts and the timescales for this.

Russ Carr updated to say they are looking at potentially extending grants for a longer period – Russ to update when more info available.

**Action: LS and Russ to catch up outside this meeting to discuss further**

Cambs:

* + Soft Market Testing – good response to Young Person’s SMT opportunity but poor response to the Adults one
  + Market Engagement events are being planned for early in New Year - this will allow County to share information and also give Providers another opportunity to influence the final specification through their feedback / engagement.
  + Initial Draft Outline models have now been developed for all areas (incorporating feedback from SMT) – these will be circulated shortly for comment / feedback.
  + Procurement approach will need to be approved by Adults & CYP Committees – expecting this to go to Jan 2020 committees
  + Outline Procurement timetable – ***please note that these dates are provisional and maystill be subject change***

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| **Event** | **Date** |
| Tender goes live | early May |
| Tender responses submitted | early June |
| Evaluation/ moderation of tenders | early July |
| Governance approval to award contract | mid September |
| New contract commences | 01.01.22 |

A number of comments were made in relation to Procurement and the outline timetable:

* Transition period is too short
* Need to take account of level of change within organsiations
* Some transition will need to happen within the contract period i.e. moving from one model to the next won’t be able to happen in one go – LS confirmed that there was acknowledgement that some elements of the new model may need to be delivered incrementally to take account as the services evolved
* Not a lot of time to develop and submit bids given the level of change being sought
* Models /tender will be impacted by what else if happening e.g. availability of other resources and wraparound services – any expectations around this need to be clearly identified within the specification
* Timescale and tender submission time also needs to take account of joint bids – these take longer to develop and sign off due to number of partners involved
* Capacity of organisations to respond to bids is a concern alongside the challenge of implementing new services within the Covid landscape – media reports suggest that we won’t be seeing a return to anything like normal until winter next year
* There may be some organisations that aren’t currently operating in area, but can submit a reasonable bid, however can’t deliver aspects such as accommodation when it comes to crunch time – what measures will we put in place to ensure that doesn’t happen here?

Someone from Procurement will be attending the next call (2nd December). In order to maximise this opportunity, it would be helpful if procurement related questions and queries you would like answered could be sent in advance of the meeting.

**Action: Procurement questions to be submitted to LS by 27th November**