

Birmingham City Council

Education and Children's Social Care

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: 17th May 2023



Subject: Sexual Health Treatment & Prevention Services delivered by Aquarius Action Projects (Part of the Richmond Fellowship)

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1 Purpose

- 1.1 To provide the Education and Children's Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee with an Annual overview on the performance of the Young Peoples Substance Misuse Service commissioned by Public Health and delivered by Aquarius Action Projects (part of the Richmond Fellowship).

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Committee notes an overview of the Birmingham Young Peoples Substance Misuse Service that will be provided by Public Health, Commissioners and Aquarius on 17th May 2023 by way of the information detailed under Appendices embedded under Point 6.

3 Any Finance Implications

- 3.1 None, the Birmingham Young Peoples Substance Misuse Service is funded through the Public Health Grant that is received by the Council.

4 Any Legal Implications

- 4.1 None, the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and associated regulations transferred the responsibility for public health from the NHS to local authorities from April 2013. Under the HSC Act 2012, local authorities have a legal duty to protect children from harm, reduce health inequalities and improve the health of their local population by ensuring that there are public health services aimed at reducing drug and alcohol misuse and is a condition of the Public Health Grant that is received into the Council.

5 Any Equalities Implications

- 5.1 None, the Birmingham Young Peoples Substance Misuse Service is open to anyone in Birmingham (predominantly 13+) and is not discriminatory towards any of the 9 protected characteristics detailed in the Equality Act 2010.

6 Appendices

Appendix 1: BCC Presentation to O&S Committee



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Appendix 2: Aquarius Presentation



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Appendix 3: Aquarius Supporting Information



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