**Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation services for Newcastle residents**

We are reviewing the provision of drug and alcohol rehabilitation services for Newcastle residents. This covers opportunities relating to community and residential drug and alcohol rehabilitation services.

**Background**

Drug and alcohol addiction is a complex, but treatable condition, which can be incredibly damaging to an individual and those around them. Addiction often goes hand in hand with poor health, homelessness, family breakdown and offending. By getting people into drug and alcohol treatment at the earliest opportunity we can limit the negative impact on health and wellbeing and promote recovery.

**Residential Rehabilitation** is an intensive, structured programme of therapeutic support for an agreed period of stay (usually around six months) focused on achieving abstinence. There are a range of residential rehabilitation providers and models which cater for varying needs, including women and children, co-existing physical and/or mental health needs.

Newcastle City Council currently individually commissions residential rehabilitation services from external organisations based around the country. These are on individually negotiated prices and requirements. We would like to standardise our approach to commissioning residential rehabilitation through the establishment of a Framework, whereby providers of residential rehabilitation provisions (wherever they are based around the country) apply to enable their services to be utilised for packages of support for Newcastle residents as is required.

**Community Rehabilitation** is an important offer which provides an alternative to residential rehabilitation and ensures that people who want to remain in their community have access to a structured and intensive package of abstinence-based support.

The current arrangements for Community Rehabilitation commissioned by Newcastle City Council are coming to an end later this year. Due to the value of this contract we must, by law, open this opportunity to the market. Therefore, we are using this tender exercise as an opportunity to review the requirements for this service.

We would like to discuss our proposals with you for these services to help us ensure the opportunities are a sustainable response for Newcastle residents requiring the support of community or residential drug and alcohol rehabilitation.

The details of the session are:

Date: Monday 25 March 2019

Time: 11am – 1pm

Venue: Pandon Committee Room, Newcastle Civic Centre, NE1 8QH

Please email Stacey.urwin@newcastle.gov.uk to confirm attendance for this session.