

## Notes of A&B ADP Executive Group Meeting

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2015

By Teleconference

Present

Christina West (Chair)

Agnes Harvey, ADP Delivery Group representative

Jennifer Goff, Third Sector representative

George Morrison, Executive group member

Elaine Garman, Executive group member

Morag Brown, A&B Council, in attendance

Carol Muir, ADP Coordinator

Norman Firth, Executive group member

Louise Long, Executive group member

Marlene Baillie, Executive group member

### 1. Situation

As per the Executive Group meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> December, Third Sector organisations with contracts for community alcohol and drug service provision were offered the opportunity to extend their contracts up until 31<sup>st</sup> January 2015. The deadline to discuss any queries on this and take up that offer was 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2014. Those who took up this opportunity were Oasis, Kaleidoscope, Encompass Islay and HART. They subsequently signed documentation sent out from the Council Procurement team formally putting the extension in place before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014.

KADAS responded on 22<sup>nd</sup> December with a 'counter offer' saying they would require three months of costs to the value of £18,000 as it was not practical to provide one month's extension to the contract. The Procurement Team responded on 23<sup>rd</sup> December to say that was not the offer that was available. There was other email communication from KADAS on 24<sup>th</sup> December, indicating that the costs were £18,000. This meant no contract extension was put in place. KADAS did not come back with a clear statement that they wished to take up the opportunity of a one month contract extension. Nothing further was heard from KADAS until 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015 when they intimated that they were continuing as before, that they were 'happy enough to extend' and to engage in ongoing discussion regarding costs.

## 2. Discussion

The group clarified that the purpose of the contract extensions had been three-fold: to respond to service user concerns; greater service robustness at the time of a contract changeover; and ensuring no gaps over the festive period when other service provision would be less due to public holidays and weekends.

The ADP is not aware of any concerns that were not responded to over the festive period. Since 5<sup>th</sup> January up until 8<sup>th</sup> January 17 referrals had been made to Addaction (the new service provider) and all had been responded to. It was acknowledged that there were still operational difficulties being ironed out by Addaction such as TUPE with key staff and premises but there was a service operating.

The legal department at the Council were keen that the ADP sought Addaction's views on the situation and they had reported that it would further complicate the situation if the contract was extended for KADAS.

Ad hoc feedback from service users demonstrated that they were excited and looking forward to accessing a new service. Feedback from one of the previous providers was that there is no service available in Mid Argyll but that is not borne out by the number of referrals coming in.

The group felt that allowing one organisation an extension out with the time limited offer period would open the ADP up to further criticism. All other organisations who wanted to had managed to respond in the timescale.

Source of funding to be discussed at the Executive Group meeting on 27 January 2015.

## 3. Decision

The group unanimously decided not to extend the contract by one month i.e. to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2015 for KADAS as the communication is out with the timescales given.

Actions:

- Morag Brown to speak to Procurement Team to inform them of the decision.
- Christina West, as Chair, to email Procurement Team formally with the decision. Thereafter the Commissioning Team will inform KADAS of the decision.