



Southern Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group

Briefing Paper – Derby Asylum Initial Accommodation Centre (IAC)

The Home Office have been planning to open a new Initial Accommodation Centre (IAC) in Derby City for asylum seekers. On 20th October 2017, they were successful in their application for planning permission to open the IAC in a University owned building on Laverstoke Court, Peet Street (off Uttoxeter New Road), Derby. The property caters for 225 people, and the Centre opens on 15th January 2018. Service users stay within the IAC for an average of 21 days whilst their claim for asylum support is assessed.

The Home Office have commissioned G4S (who have subcontracted to Urban Housing) to run the IAC for the next two years. During their time in the IAC the service users are fully managed and supported, including having access to health services, and part of the estate had been reserved for the provision of health. Southern Derbyshire CCG (SDCCG) has responsibility for commissioning a health service for the IAC.

The aims of the IAC health service are:

- To provide on-site appropriate, responsive and effective care to the Asylum IAC service users for the period of time that they are in the centre
- To include the type and quantity of service that ensures minimal or no impact on local health services

Until the building alterations to the designated area for health provision have been completed and are compliant with the requirements of the Care Quality Commission (CQC) interim arrangements are in place at a GP Surgery close by.

There are two phases of procurement and mobilisation of a service for the provision of health care in the IAC.

Phase 1 – To undertake a Single Tender Action to directly award a nine month caretaker contract for a service for health assessment, health screening and general health care provision. This was awarded to the provider who was considered to be the most competent and experienced to both deliver the required service, and that is the most capable of mobilising a service within the very short timescale. SDCCG has also specifically commissioned the services of both Maternity Services and Health Visiting for the IAC.

Phase 2 – To undertake a full procurement process for a long term contract for a service on-site and 'in-hours' for health assessment, health screening and general health care provision. Again the Maternity Service and Health Visiting service will be specifically commissioned for the IAC.

The service model is based upon the national Service Specification and on learning from a successful IAC model in Wakefield.

The national specification (DoH, 2013) lists the following elements for “*Asylum Seeker Health Assessments Transition Programme*”:

- Service and team management

- Clerical and clinical administration
- Health assessment and health screen
- TB testing (and other conditions if indicated such as Hepatitis A, B, C and HIV)
- Children under 5 years assessed by a Health Visitor for nutrition and development
- Current Medications, and prescribing needs
- Translation and interpreting service
- Maternity services
- Oral health
- Management of minor illnesses
- Referral pathways for mental health, safeguarding, chest clinic, GU Clinic

The specification will include referral pathways into the following services:

- Derby Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust – elective care
- Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust – mental health
- Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS Trust – sexual health
- Social care – safeguarding adults and children