

**To: Leicestershire County Council Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
From Leicester City Council Public Health Commissioning**

**Re: Agenda Item 10 (13th January 2021) Recommissioning of Substance
Misuse Services**

Introduction

We are submitting a representation concerning the **Substance Misuse Recommissioning report** scheduled to be considered by the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 13 January 2021.

Concerns

We have read the report above and would like to submit a correction to the report. The report states the following at paragraph 8:

“As a result of this additional work a mutual agreement was reached between Leicestershire County Council, Leicester City Council and Rutland County Council to end the joint commissioning approach and to continue the procurement based on a Leicestershire and Rutland model.”

We respect completely the County Council’s autonomy to make decisions regarding commissioning intentions. We would however like to clarify that Leicester City Council has not expressed any mutual agreement to a proposal to end the joint commissioning approach. To be clear our preference would be to continue with a Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland joint commissioning approach to support the needs of service users across the LLR area and to facilitate the contribution of our commissioning and service delivery partners.

Formal notification of Leicestershire and Rutland’s decision to end the joint commissioning arrangements was made at the Substance misuse recommissioning board on the 6th January 2021. We wrote to Leicestershire County Council’s Public Health Strategic Commissioner for substance misuse services immediately after that meeting to confirm our position.

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