



Title of meeting: Health and Wellbeing Board

Date of meeting: 17 June 2015

Subject: Use of the Public Health Grant

Report by: Director of Public Health

Wards affected: All

1. Requested by Health and Wellbeing Board

2. Purpose

2.1 To update the Health and Wellbeing Board on the way forward for distributing the Public Health Grant.

3. Recommendations

3.1 That the Health and Wellbeing Board:

a. note the implications of redistribution of the Public Health ring fenced grant.

4. Background

4.1 In October 2013 the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) received a report on the way forward for distributing the Public Health Grant in 2014-15 and 2015-16 (Reference A). In summary that report outlined the following:

- The Council's leadership role in tackling the causes of ill-health and reducing health inequalities
- The conditions by which the grant is spent and that it should be used to significantly improve the health and wellbeing of the local population
- Recognition of the continuing reduction on local government financial settlements and the need to redistribute the grant to council services which could potentially meet Public Health outcomes
- Informed by the JSNA, and therefore addressing citywide inequalities and poor health, providing a vision and 'roadmap' for change. This change programme was principally aimed at reshaping traditional public health services to 'achieve more with the resources available, add value to the council's overall offer and that of partner organisations and to ensure more

services are provided in a “joined-up” way’. This efficiency programme was also intended to release funding for redistribution to council services to facilitate better health outcomes for the city.

5. Update

- 5.1 In the past 18 months a review and redesign of alcohol, obesity and smoking provision has been undertaken, the outcome of which has resulted in the introduction of an in-house integrated wellbeing service that provides a more holistic service to residents. This service is due to be launched on 1 October 2015. A report on the implementation of the integrated wellbeing service is provided separately for the June HWB.
- 5.2 In parallel, reviews of the Healthy Child Programme, Sexual Health and Substance Misuse Services have, and continue to be, undertaken which address efficiencies and release of funding. A report on the impact of efficiency measures to Substance Misuse, Alcohol and Smoking services is provided separately for the June HWB.
- 5.3. In February 2015 the HWB received a report by the Director of Public Health on Creating Sustainable Healthy Environments. This report outlined the pan-council work on promoting prevention throughout services to deliver better public health outcomes. Included within the report was a briefing note on the principles of redistributing the grant and how savings are achieved.

6. Finance and redistribution

- 6.1 To date Portsmouth City Council has received the following annual allocations in the form of a Public Health grant against which a redistribution target has been applied:

Year	Budget	Target	Achieved
2013/14	£15.7M	£1M	604k
2014/15	£16.1M	£1.685M (inc £400k rolled fwd)	£1.685M
2015/16	£16.1M	£1.47M	£1.47M

- 6.2 To date the total sum redistributed to council services is £3.8M (23.4% of the grant). It is anticipated that pressure on the authority’s overall budget will continue and will correspondingly impact on the grant. If, as in previous years, the same level of percentage saving measures are applied to the grant for 2016/17 it is estimated that another £1.2M will have to be taken from commissioned services resulting in the total for redistributing to £5M (31% of the grant).
- 6.3 During this financial year city council will receive a £2M allocation in October for Health Visitor commissioning which will be included in the Public Health ring-fenced grant settlement. In addition, following the internal senior management restructure the transfer of Children’s Centres responsibility to the Director of Public Health will inflate the budget by approximately £1.2M. It is anticipated that these allocations will

be included in the Director of Public Health’s overall budget bringing it to just over £20M, which could then inflate the overall savings target to £2m; concomitantly these services will have to bear an equitable level of savings alongside other public health commissioned services. If not, then the overall savings target will have to be borne by remainder of the Public Health services.

7. Going forward

- 7.1 Currently the distribution of the Public Health grant is reasonably balanced toward medium and long-term achievement of better health outcomes for people of Portsmouth. In short, commissioned services support individual behaviour change relating to poor and/or chaotic lifestyles whilst the Creating Sustainable Healthy Environments programme is aimed at the wider determinants of health and bringing about longer term change. Both approaches are however inter-related and necessary to provide a cohesive primary prevention agenda which underpins the reduction in the level of spending on health treatment and social care.
- 7.2 Going forward, of significant concern is the impact of continued reduction of funding in commissioned public health services and the shift in the balance of funding to other council services. The report on Substance Misuse, Alcohol and Smoking articulates the direct impact such reductions are estimated to have in cost transfer, cost avoidance and likely negative impact on outcome indicators. The import of this report can be equally applied to other Public Health commissioned services. From a contractual perspective there is increasing concern that continued reduction in funding for commissioned serves are likely to make them unsustainable. This reference is made, in particular, to sexual health services and provision of specialist clinical services around sexually transmitted infections and contraception. The principle does however equally apply to other commissioned services for which the grant is provided.

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Signed by: Director of Public Health

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location
Public Health Grant use 2014 -2016	PCC HWB shared folder
Creating sustainable healthy environments	PCC website

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