

HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

9 MARCH 2022

UPDATE ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH RING FENCED GRANT

2022/23

Summary

1. The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) is to be briefed on the updated Public Health Ring Fenced Grant allocation for 2022/23.
2. The Head of Finance, the Director of Public Health and the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Health and Well-being have been invited to the meeting.

Background

3. As part of the HOSC's budget monitoring, the Committee receives information on the Public Health Ring Fenced Grant twice a year and was last updated at its meeting on 3 November 2021, a record of which is available on the Council's website: [weblink to agenda and minutes](#).
4. HOSC will therefore be aware that the Public Health function nationally transferred to local authorities in 2013. The Council receives an annual Public Health Ring Fenced Grant (PHRFG) of approximately £30m, with a typical increase of 1% over recent years.

Financial Position

5. On 7 February 2022, the allocations for 2022/23 were announced, with the total public health grant to local authorities being £3.417 billion, which is an increase of c2.8%. The grant will be ringfenced for use on public health functions, which may include public health challenges arising directly or indirectly from COVID-19. Details of the prescribed and non-prescribed functions that the grant can be used for are detailed in Appendix 1 to this report with full details on the government website at [Public Health Grant 2022-23](#).
6. The value of the grant for the County Council totals £31,217,923, which is an increase of £853,016 from the 2021/22 value of £30,364,907. Details relating to allocation of this funding can be found at Appendix 2 to this report, which includes the proposal to use £3.2 million of the earmarked Public Health Reserve during 2022/23.
7. Regular half yearly updates will continue to be provided to the HOSC, with the year end for 2021/22 being reported at its meeting on 8 July 2022 and the half year position for 2022/23 at its meeting on 2 November 2022.

Purpose of the Meeting

8. HOSC members are invited to consider and comment on the information provided and agree:

- whether any further information or scrutiny work is required at this time
- whether there are any comments to highlight to the relevant Cabinet Member

Supporting Information

- Appendix 1 – Conditions for grant usage
- Appendix 2 – Public Health Ring Fenced Grant proposed spending

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Assistant Director for Legal and Governance) the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

- Agenda and Minutes of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 3 November 2021 and 30 September 2020, available on the website: [weblink to agenda and minutes](#)

Minutes and Agendas are available on the Council's website: [weblink to agendas and minutes](#)

Appendix 1 – Conditions for grant usage

Prescribed functions:

- 1) sexual health services – STI testing and treatment
- 2) sexual health services – Contraception
- 3) NHS Health Check programme
- 4) local authority role in health protection
- 5) public health advice to NHS Commissioners
- 6) national child measurement programme
- 7) prescribed children's 0 to 5 services

Non-prescribed functions:

- 8) sexual health services – advice, prevention and promotion
- 9) obesity – adults
- 10) obesity – children
- 11) physical activity – adults
- 12) physical activity – children
- 13) treatment for drug misuse in adults
- 14) treatment for alcohol misuse in adults
- 15) preventing and reducing harm from drug misuse in adults
- 16) preventing and reducing harm from alcohol misuse in adults
- 17) specialist drugs and alcohol misuse services for children and young people
- 18) stop smoking services and interventions
- 19) wider tobacco control
- 20) children 5 to 19 public health programmes
- 21) other children's 0 to 5 services non-prescribed
- 22) health at work
- 23) public mental health
- 24) miscellaneous, can include, but is not exclusive to:
 - nutrition initiatives
 - accidents prevention
 - general prevention
 - community safety, violence prevention and social exclusion
 - dental public health
 - fluoridation
 - infectious disease surveillance and control
 - environmental hazards protection
 - seasonal death reduction initiatives
 - birth defect preventions
- 25) test, track and trace and outbreak planning
- 26) other public Health spend relating to COVID-19

Appendix 2 - Public Health Ring Fenced Grant proposed spending

Strategic Functions

Strategic Functions	BUDGET 22/23
Public Health Team	3,107
Medicines Management	32
Public Health Recharges	328
Commissioning and Finance Support	335
Instant Atlas	15
Joint Funded Apprenticeship Scheme	60
Suicide Bereavement	35
Total	3,912

Adults Universal Prevention Services

Adults/Universal Prevention Services	BUDGET 22/23
Lifestyle Services	350
Community Engagement	60
Smoking in Pregnancy	164
Smoking	118
Health Checks	670
Walking for Health	25
Worcestershire Works Well	55
Obesity, Diet, Exercise	20
Carers Support	617
Stroke Contract	90
Info & Advice Contracts	250
Connect Services	312
Fluoridation	268
Healthwatch	275
Local Reform and Community Voice Grant	-224
Quell	120
Making Every Contact Count (Health Chats)	48
Time to Change	25
Substance Misuse Contract	3,942
Drug Intervention Programme Grant	-106
Support at Home	49
Social Prescribing	100
Loneliness Service	150
Strength and Balance	90
Warmer Worcestershire	53
Adults Housing Support	100
Oral Health	50
Learning Disability Reablement	60
Promoting Independent Living Service	273
Sexual Health Transformation	300
Sexual Health - Genitourinary medicine (GUM) Out of Area	300
Sexual Health (WHCT)	4,458
Total	13,062

Children's Prevention Services

Children's Prevention Services	BUDGET 22/23
Children's Targeted Family Support	850
Youth Services	595
Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP)	15
Young Adult Carers	35
Family Safeguarding Model	125
Domestic Abuse Working Network (Dawn's) Project	75
0-19 Health Services – Starting Well	12,328
Social Mobility Project	91
Total	14,114

Adults Universal Services

Adults Universal Services	BUDGET 22/23
Workplace Wellbeing including Flu & Immunisation	190
Libraries Service	998
Countryside Service	295
Quality Assurance and Compliance	132
Quality Improvement	140
Trading Standards	706
Planning Service	70
Adult Learning	211
Coroners & Registrars	130
3 Conversation Model	291
SENDIASS	74
Road Safety	109
Total	3,346

Total Expenditure and Funding	BUDGET 22/23
Total Public Health Spend (above)	34,434
Funded by:	
Ringfenced Grant (2.8% increase)	31,218
Funded from Public Health Reserves	3,216
Total Funding	34,434