

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Public Health
Date:	17 January 2018
Title:	Alcohol Nurse Service Grants
Report From:	Director of Public Health

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. To approve a grant up to a maximum of £70,000 to University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust (UHST) towards Alcohol Nurse Services for two years from 1 April 2018.
- 1.2. To approve a grant up to a maximum of £126,350 to Portsmouth Hospital Trust towards Alcohol Nurse Services for two years from 1 April 2018.
- 1.3 To delegate the final decision for specific funding amounts to the Director of Public Health, in consultation with the Executive Member. This will not exceed the maximum amounts stated in 1.1 and 1.2 of the report, and will be monitored and managed within the value of the confirmed annual budget approved by Full County Council in each of the years.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. The purpose of this paper is to request approval of grant funding (for two years from 1 April 2018) to continue to provide Alcohol Nurse Services to Hampshire residents accessing University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust (UHST) and Portsmouth Hospital Trust (PHT).
- 2.2. The aim of Alcohol Nurse Service in acute hospitals is to minimise alcohol related harm, identify and intervene with alcohol problems early and to reduce demand on acute hospital services
- 2.3. This paper seeks authority to award grants to University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust and Portsmouth Hospital Trust for the continuation of Alcohol Nurse Services from 1 April 2018 for two years until 31 March 2020. The maximum amount of grant funding to be made available for 2018-20 is £196,350
- 2.4. The funding for these grants is already included, on a recurring basis within the Public Health budget for 2018/19 and 2019/20 and represent maximum levels of funding over the two year period.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Hampshire County Council to contract separately with Portsmouth Hospital Trust (PHT) and University Hospital Southampton Foundation Trust (UHST). Portsmouth City Council and Southampton City Council have existing contracts in place with the Acute Trusts for the service and contribute a higher proportion of funding. A separate contract with each trust would duplicate these arrangements and could potentially result in higher costs to Hampshire due to a disjointed service and more complex contracting arrangements.
- 3.2. To significantly reduce the existing level of funding beyond the expected efficiency savings of between 5-10% planned as part of the anticipated savings to the Public Health Grant by 31 March 2020. A significantly reduced offer in hospitals is likely to lead to higher demand on health and social care services and may increase health inequalities. It could also impact key stakeholders such as police, probation, ambulance, Emergency Department services and the public.
- 3.3. To no longer fund the service. If the grant is not approved a reduction in service availability will have an impact upon the identification, harm reduction advice, targeted interventions and onward referral to specialist services provided to the residents of Hampshire accessing Portsmouth and Southampton Hospitals. This could result in continued or increased levels of alcohol consumption amongst increasing / high risk /alcohol dependant drinkers with associated crime, anti-social behaviour, domestic abuse and violence, adult and children’s safeguarding issues, housing problems and homelessness, as well as mental and physical ill health.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None.
- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None.

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:	Date:
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Executive Member for Public Health Councillor Patricia Stallard	