

Equality Impact Assessment

Name of project/proposal EMCS01b T19 EIA 0-19 Grants
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Description of Service / Policy

Children's Services currently provide grant funding to voluntary and charitable providers to provide youth and support services targeted to children and young people at Levels 2 and 3 on the Children's Partnership Threshold Chart. These grants are allocated against priorities identified by the Local Children's Partnership (or equivalent) groups. The services provided by this grant funding are non-statutory with the exception of support for young carers.

Geographical impact* All Hampshire

Description of proposed change

To reduce the grant funding awarded to organisations to deliver community services for children and families across Hampshire. The Council will continue to deliver high quality statutory services but will be unable to fund non-statutory services.

Engagement and consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out? Yes

No specific consultation has been carried out on this proposal, however, the County Council carried out a major public consultation exercise over the Summer 2017 on a range of options for finding further budget savings including increasing council tax, using reserves and making changes to the way in which services are delivered, which may mean reducing or withdrawing certain services. The outcome of this consultation will be presented to Cabinet in October 2017.

When decisions are made to pursue the options, further specific consultation will be carried out with stakeholders on the detailed options where required.

Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

Statutory considerations

Impact

Age Impact Medium
Reduction or cessation of County Council funding to non-statutory services supporting children aged 0-19 years may reduce the support that these groups can provide to children at level 2 and 3 on the Children's Partnership Threshold Chart.
Mitigation The County Council will signpost children, young people and families via the Family Support Service and the Directories Hub to alternative universal services in place.

Hampshire County Council currently fund Action Hampshire to work with the voluntary sector and have set targets for them

to work with the sector to consider sustainability, alternatives sources of funding, collaboration and social enterprise models to support continued service delivery in the event of less County Council funding.

Further development of the volunteer offer may provide continued support to some cohorts of children and young people.

The County Council's Ethic Minority and Traveller Advisory Service may be able to provide services to Traveller children and young people.

Disability
Impact

Low

The County Council currently provides alternative funding via the short break activities grant funding to provide services and support to children and young people with disabilities.

Sexual Orientation
Impact

Medium

Reduction or cessation of County Council funding to non-statutory services supporting Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual & Transgender (LGBT) groups may reduce the support that these groups can provide to supporting vulnerable children and young people in Hampshire.

Mitigation

The County Council will signpost children, young people and families via the Family Support Service and the Directories Hub to alternative universal services in place. This will include existing national groups who already provide support to these vulnerable children and young people.

Hampshire County Council currently fund Action Hampshire to work with the voluntary sector and have set targets for them to work with the sector to consider sustainability, alternatives sources of funding, collaboration and social enterprise models to support continued service delivery in the event of less County Council funding.

Further development of the volunteer offer may provide continued support to some cohorts of children and young people.

Race

Neutral

Religion and Belief

Neutral

Gender Reassignment

Neutral

Gender

Neutral

Marriage and civil
partnership

Neutral

Pregnancy and
Maternity
Impact

Medium

Reduction or cessation of County Council funding to non-statutory services providing parenting support for young

Mitigation

parents (Under 19) may reduce the support that these groups can provide to vulnerable children and young people.

The County Council will signpost children, young people and families via the Family Support Service and the Directories Hub to alternative universal services in place, including those provided within the public health offer.

Hampshire County Council currently fund Action Hampshire to work with the voluntary sector and have set targets for them to work with the sector to consider sustainability, alternatives sources of funding, collaboration and social enterprise models to support continued service delivery in the event of less County Council funding.

Further development of the volunteer offer may provide continued support to some cohorts of children and young people.

Other policy considerations

Poverty Neutral

Rurality Neutral

Additional Information