COUNCIL MEETING, 22 July 2021

# REPORT OF THE

# Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health

### 1. SERIOUS VIOLENCE REDUCTION GRANT

- 1.1. On 16 March 2021, the then Executive Member for Public Health granted approval to provide a grant to No Limits to the value of £36,744 from a budget for Violence Reduction received from the Home Office via the Office for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire for 2020/21.
- 1.2. The grant funding was a residual amount that had been uncommitted due to delays in other work due to the impact of the pandemic. The grant funding was awarded to No Limits to expand an existing project running at University Hospital Southampton, to extend it to Winchester and Basingstoke Hospitals.
- 1.3. The project that has been funded uses the 'Reachable/Teachable Moments' approach to engage with young people at moments when they are considering changing their lives and withdrawing from violent or risky behaviour. Specialised youth workers are based at hospital emergency departments and intervening with young people often in mental health / addiction crisis and/or exposure to violence. There is strong evidence that successfully embedding youth workers within the Emergency Department team provides opportunities for a public health approach to complex 'youth problems' or adversity-related injury e.g. violence, drug and alcohol addiction and mental health concerns. A range of positive outcomes are being demonstrated from the existing project.

# 2. NEW INPATIENT DETOXIFICATION UNIT

- 2.1. On 8 June 2021 the Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health granted approval to award a grant of £1,220,837 to Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust to develop a new inpatient medically managed drug / alcohol detoxification unit in Fareham.
- 2.2. The funding for this grant derives from additional funding provided to local authorities by Public Health England to enhance drug treatment. Hampshire County Council has formed a Consortium of 20 local authorities in the central south coast area, to pool allocations in order to fund a new inpatient facility.
- 2.3. The nearest specialist unit for Hampshire residents is currently in Kent or Bristol. Awarding this funding to create a facility in Fareham improves options for patients in Hampshire and other local authorities in the south central area. The funding is being awarded to Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust as this organisation has the capacity to develop a specialist unit in a short period of time. The unit is intended to become operational from September 2021 as the funding from Public Health England is currently only for the 2021/22 year.

# 3. GETTING GOING AGAIN GRANT SCHEME

- 3.1. On 11 June 2021 the Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health granted approval to establish a grant scheme known as the Getting Going Again (GGA) Fund, with a total value of £950,000. The intention of the scheme is to provide one-off funding for innovative local projects or initiatives which are designed to support people, specifically those who have been classed as Clinically Vulnerable or Clinically Extremely Vulnerable, to recover from the past year and focus on the future.
- 3.2. The Getting Going Again Fund seeks to build on the co-operation that took place during the pandemic, particularly between the County Council, the Borough and District Councils and the local Council for Voluntary Services Organisations, representing local voluntary groups and organisations, to support the development of sustainable solutions to help people recover from the impacts of the pandemic.
- 3.3. In order to ensure that grants are awarded in a timely way, delegated authority to award grants from the Getting Going Again Fund was given to the Director of Adults' Health and Care in consultation with the Executive Member following receipt of bids. It is planned that the funding awards be managed to be equitable across Hampshire based on the number of people classed as clinically extremely vulnerable living in each district area.

Further details can be found at the links below:

Agenda for Executive Member for Public Health Decision Day on Tuesday, 16th March, 2021, 3.00 pm | About the Council | Hampshire County Council (hants.gov.uk)

Agenda for Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health Decision Day on Tuesday, 8th June, 2021, 11.00 am | About the Council | Hampshire County Council (hants.gov.uk)

Agenda for Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health Decision Day on Friday, 11th June, 2021, 4.00 pm | About the Council | Hampshire County Council (hants.gov.uk)

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