

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

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| Decision Maker | Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health |
| Date: | 22 July 2022 |
| Title: | Additional spend within the commissioned Substance Misuse Treatment Contract |
| Report From: | Director of Public Health |

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Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the additional spend under the existing Substance Misuse Treatment contract as set out in this report.

Recommendation(s)

2. That the Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health notes the additional spend between July 2018 – June 2022 of £1.4m within the Substance Misuse treatment contract (original value of £58,001,688 over 7 years) and approves an additional £802,715 for 2022/23.
3. That the Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health approves additional spend under the Substance Misuse treatment contract in line with Government funding for years 2023-2025 of up to £2.4 million.
4. That the Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health delegates authority to approve additional spend to the Director of Public Health, in consultation with the Executive Member, approval for additional spend on an annual basis for 2023/24 and 2024/25, considering anticipated funding received from Office for Health Improvement & Disparities (OHID) as outlined in this report.

Executive Summary

- National funding to support the delivery of the National Drugs Strategy From Harm to Hope¹ has been allocated to all local authorities in England to increase the capacity and quality of substance misuse services. It is anticipated that the Council will receive up to an additional £3.15m over the next 3 years from the Office of Health Improvement & Disparities (OHID). This report seeks approval for the additional spend under the existing Substance Misuse Treatment contract and for delegated authority to the Director of Public Health to approve additional spend on an annual basis.

Contextual information

- The current Substance Misuse contract commissioned by the Council commenced in July 2018 with a total contract value of £58,001,688 over 7 years until June 2025.
- The current contract includes a clause to allow for variation of additional spend to meet local and national priorities.
- To date £1.4m has already been added to the contract. This has included additional funding from Childrens Services to implement the Family Recovery Workers; funding transferred from the Adults' Health & Care directorate for substance misuse rehabilitation; additional one year funding to reduce drug related deaths and offending from the Office for Health Improvement & Disparities (OHID).
- In December 2021 the government launched its 10 year drugs strategy, From Harm to Hope² where a clear vision to deliver a world class substance misuse treatment and recovery system was presented. In February 2022 it was announced that all local authorities would receive additional 3-year funding to increase capacity and improve quality of local substance misuse services.
- It is expected that the Council will receive the following amounts (that will be confirmed on an annual basis) between April 2022 – March 2025 from the Office for Health Improvement & Disparities (OHID):

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| 2022/23 (confirmed) | £802,715 |
| 2023/24 (indicative) | £818,382 |
| 2024/25 (indicative) | £1,541,380 |

¹ [From harm to hope: A 10-year drugs plan to cut crime and save lives - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/from-harm-to-hope)

² [From harm to hope: A 10-year drugs plan to cut crime and save lives - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/from-harm-to-hope)

11. The additional funding from OHID will be added to the existing substance misuse treatment contract on an annual basis through contract variations that are compliant with procurement regulations.
12. OHID has outlined the expectation that this funding will be spent on increasing capacity and quality of existing drug / alcohol treatment services.
13. Funding for 2022/23 has been confirmed by OHID and proposals approved. The additional funding will:
 - a. Increase the treatment capacity and quality of our locally commissioned substance misuse services
 - b. Improve continuity of care from prison to community substance misuse treatment and those in the criminal justice system needing treatment for their drug / alcohol use.
 - c. Increase capacity of residential rehabilitation
 - d. Contribute towards a reduction in drug and alcohol related deaths

Finance

14. Additional funding will be made available through the Section 31 grant provisions of the Local Government Act 2003.
15. Additional funding will not affect the core delivery of services funded through the Public Health grant.
16. Eligibility for supplemental funding from OHID is dependent on maintaining existing (2020/21) investment in drug and alcohol treatment from the Public Health grant.
17. Anticipated additional funding will be confirmed by OHID on an annual basis and therefore it is recommended that delegated authority for this spend can be approved by the Director of Public Health to be able to increase and/or maintain capacity of providers to deliver services in relatively short timescales. Funding will be added to the contract on a yearly basis once confirmed by OHID and will be compliant with procurement regulations.

Legal & Procurement

18. The additional funding will be added to the current substance misuse treatment contract as a contract variation.

Performance

19. Additional spend within the Substance Misuse contract will allow for improvements in the following outcomes. These will be monitored in line with existing performance monitoring mechanisms in Public Health.

- a. An increase the treatment capacity and quality of our locally commissioned Substance Misuse services
- b. Improvement in continuity of care from prison to community substance misuse treatment and those in the criminal justice system needing treatment for their drug / alcohol use.
- c. Increase capacity of residential rehabilitation
- d. Contribute towards a reduction in drug and alcohol related deaths

Consultation and Equalities

20. It is proposed to use the additional funding to increase the quality and capacity of existing substance misuse services. This will allow for our most vulnerable populations to access substance misuse treatment and recovery.

Climate Change

21. Hampshire County Council utilises two decision-making tools to assess the carbon emissions and resilience impacts of its projects and decisions. These tools provide a clear, robust, and transparent way of assessing how projects, policies and initiatives contribute towards the County Council's climate change targets of being carbon neutral and resilient to the impacts of a 2°C temperature rise by 2050. This process ensures that climate change considerations are built into everything the Authority does.

22. The decision is essentially strategic/administrative in nature and does not have any climate change considerations.

Conclusions

23. Approving additional spend within the Substance Misuse contract will allow for better outcomes for Hampshire residents, including increased capacity, quality, and improved outcomes for Hampshire residents with a substance misuse treatment need.

24. Anticipated additional funding will be confirmed by OHID and added to the substance misuse treatment contract on an annual basis through contract

variations that are compliant with procurement regulations. It is recommended that delegated authority for this spend be approved by the Director of Public Health to ensure the ability to increase and/or maintain capacity of providers to deliver services in relatively short timescales.

REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Strategic Plan

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| Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity: | Yes/no |
| People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives: | yes |
| People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment: | yes/no |
| People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities: | yes |

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| Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents | |
| <p>The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)</p> | |
| <u>Document</u> | <u>Location</u> |
| None | |

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

1. Equality Duty

The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by or under the Act with regard to the protected characteristics as set out in section 4 of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation);
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (see above) and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;
- Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

2. Equalities Impact Assessment: