

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Decision Report

<b>Decision Maker</b>	Executive Lead Member for Adult Services and Public Health
<b>Date:</b>	24 January 2023
<b>Title:</b>	Funding for Capital Grant for Drug / Alcohol Inpatient Detoxification Unit
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Public Health

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### Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for grant funding to support the commissioned inpatient medically managed drug / alcohol detoxification services (provided by Inclusion, Midlands NHS Foundation Trust). The funding is part of the grant funding from Office for Health Improvement & Disparities (OHID).

### Recommendation(s)

2. That the Executive Lead Member for Adult Services and Public Health approves the grant funding for one-off works of up to a maximum amount of £100,268 to be awarded to Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust as detailed in this report.
3. That the Executive Lead Member for Adult Services and Public Health delegates authority to the Director of Public Health to finalise the proposals for works and the amount of the grant up to the maximum approved.

### Executive Summary

4. The government has allocated additional funding to all local authorities in England to increase the capacity of inpatient medically managed drug / alcohol detoxification. This report seeks approval of grant funding (of up to £100,268) to be allocated to the locally commissioned inpatient medically managed drug / alcohol detoxification service (provided by Inclusion, part of Midlands NHS Foundation Trust). The grant funding will only be spent on one-off works (deemed to be capital by the Provider).

## **Contextual information**

5. In 2021/22 funding was made available nationally by OHID to all local authorities to increase the capacity of inpatient medically managed detoxification Services. A medically managed drug / alcohol detoxification unit can deal with complex physical, mental health and behavioural issues and provide 24-hour nursing care. Medically managed detox provision for the most complex individuals is delivered by the NHS. While there are other, non-NHS medically managed inpatient detox units, it is only the NHS inpatient units that are Consultant Psychiatrist-led, enabling the NHS units to manage the most complex patients that other lower-level detoxification service providers feel unable to support. In 2021/22 the Central South Coast Consortium (comprising of 20 local authorities) was established with Hampshire as the lead authority. Funding from the consortium was pooled to open a new detoxification unit in Hampshire. This was the only unit in the country to be established with this funding, opened by Dame Carol Black who undertook an independent review of drug prevention, treatment, and recovery which contributed to the development of the government's drug strategy.
6. When the funding was extended for 2022/23 the consortium worked together to commission an inpatient drug / alcohol detoxification service in Hampshire. In July 2022, the Executive Member for Adults Health & Care & Public Health approved spend of this funding for drug / alcohol detoxification services.

## **Finance**

7. Additional grant funding of up to £100,268 will be awarded to Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, who is the provider of inpatient detoxification services on behalf of the Central South Coast Consortium. The funding must be spent in this financial year (before the end of March 2023). All spend must be accounted for by the provider and evidenced in the provider's ledger. Any underspend or expenditure which cannot be accounted for will be transferred back to OHID.
8. Proposals for the grant funding by the provider must be agreed in advance with the Director of Public Health.

## **Legal**

9. Under the NHS Act 2006 each local authority must take such steps as it considers appropriate for improving the health of the people in its area. This can include making grants.

## **Consultation and Equalities**

10. The impact of the service will allow for better access locally to inpatient detoxification and improved pathways of care for individuals with complex needs. This will have a positive impact for those with complex needs and a substance misuse addiction and those living in areas of deprivation where there are higher levels of alcohol / drug harm. An additional Equality Impact Assessment will be undertaken once exact nature of projects agreed.

## Climate Change

11. 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.
12. The decision is strategic/administrative in nature and does not have any climate change considerations. However, having a local detox unit will prevent Hampshire residents from travelling out of county for treatment.

## Conclusions

13. To approve the grant funding for 2022/23 which will enhance the existing commissioned inpatient detoxification service in Hampshire.

### REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:

#### Links to the Strategic Plan

<b>Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:</b>	Yes
<b>People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:</b>	Yes
<b>People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:</b>	Yes
<b>People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:</b>	Yes

#### Other Significant Links

<b>Links to previous Member decisions:</b>	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u><a href="https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/documents/s73215/Decision_Report_-_PHE_Grant_Award_for_Inpatient_Detox_Unit.pdf">PHE (Public Health England) Grant Award for Inpatient Detox Unit</a></u>	8 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
<u><a href="#">Funding for Drug / Alcohol Inpatient Detoxification Services 2022-07-22 Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health report - Funding for Drug and/or Alcohol Inpatient Detoxification Services (hants.gov.uk)</a></u>	22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2022

<b>Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives</b>	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>

<b>Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents</b>				
<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>				
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## **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:**

- 2.1 The impact of the service would allow for better access locally to inpatient detoxification and improved pathways of care for individuals with complex needs. Unwell individuals will no longer need to travel extensively, and local substance misuse services will be able to ensure robust pathways into and out of detoxification to access additional support. This will have a positive impact for those with complex needs and a substance misuse addiction and those living in areas of deprivation where there are higher levels of alcohol / drug harm. A local service within Hampshire will improve access to treatment.