

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Public Health
Date:	27 November 2019
Title:	Alcohol Nurse Service Grants
Report From:	Director of Public Health

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1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the Executive Member for Public Health approves the grant funding (for one year from 1 April 2020) to continue to contribute towards the provision of Alcohol Nurse Services to Hampshire residents accessing University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust (UHST), Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (HHFT), Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust (FPH) and Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust (PHT).

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 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. The Alcohol Nurse Services in Hampshire delivers interventions to over 850 (Hampshire) patients a quarter, with over 100 of these resulting in referrals to community substance misuse services.
- 2.2 Alcohol Nurse Services are currently funded by a range of partners including Hampshire County Council, Portsmouth City Council and Southampton City Council, Clinical Commissioning Groups and Acute Hospital Trusts.
- 2.3 This paper seeks authority to award grants to University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust, Hampshire Hospital's NHS Foundation Trust (HHFT), Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust (FPH) and Portsmouth Hospital Trust for the continuation of Alcohol Nurse Services from 1 April 2020 for one year until 31 March 2021. The maximum amount of grant funding to be made available for 2020 - 21 is £203,000.

2.4 The funding for these grants is already included, on a recurring basis within the Public Health budget for 2020/21 and represent maximum levels of funding over a one-year period.

3 Other options considered and rejected:

3.1 For Hampshire County Council to not contribute towards the funding of the Alcohol Nurse Services. However, it was identified that this could result in continued or increased levels of alcohol consumption associated with 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. A 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.

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:

6 Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent:

7 Statement from the decision maker:

7.1 It was noted that the Council will review their contribution to funding Alcohol Nurse Services in 2020. As a key partner in the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Sustainability Transformation Partnership the Council will work with health partners to develop a long term commitment to alcohol nurse services from the NHS.

Approved by:

Date:

Executive Member for Public Health
Cllr Judith Grajewski

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