

DUDLEY HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Agenda Item no. 6 (d)

DATE	14 December 2023
TITLE OF REPORT	Health Inequalities Funding 2023/24
Organisation and Author	Neill Bucktin – Dudley Managing Director – Black Country ICB
Purpose	To note the current position in relation to the ICB’s health inequalities funding for 2023/24
Background	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The ICB originally made three separate allocations to Dudley for projects designed to reduce health inequalities. These are as follows:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocation for voluntary and community sector - £71,689 • Allocation for children and young people - £39,827 • Main allocation - £159,000 2. NHS England has now required ICBs to produce a revised financial plan to take account of the cost associated with industrial action across the NHS. This has meant that all discretionary expenditure has had to be reviewed, resulting in these allocations being withdrawn. 3. The only exception to this has been an element of the voluntary and community sector allocation assigned to a scheme to support the discharge process during the winter period.
Key Points	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The report, attached as Appendix 1, was considered, and the recommendations approved, by the Population Health Management and Health Inequalities Steering Group at its meeting on 9 November. The recommendations were also approved by the Health and Care Partnership Board and the Integrated Commissioning Committee on 16 November, however, both bodies were aware of the change to the financial regime. 2. The specific voluntary sector projects referred to are as follows:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision House - provide support to the most vulnerable living in poverty and facing issues with domestic violence etc. The project will provide 1-2-1 support.

- **Cancer Support** - work with women aged 50+ from diverse communities reaching African and Caribbean communities supporting them to engage in cancer screening programmes.
- **CreHeart** - the Migrant new Beginning project aims to promote educational sessions for members to optimise mental health, improve confidence and exploring what identity means to the community group. In addition, to provide a safe space where community and a sense of belonging are nurtured.
- **Dudley Caribbean Friends Association and High Oak Community Centre** - project to engage 60-80 ethnic minorities men and women over the age of 50 who may for example have a long-term illness such as cancer, hypertension, diabetes etc. To recognise early symptoms of disease and to overcome barriers to services.
- **Citizens Advice** - support the roll out of Cost-of-Living crisis hubs providing food vouchers, energy advice, household grants etc.
- **Saltmine Trust** - using a production called Wonderland, which is a three short film digital mental health resource aimed at ages 11 – 18. Inspired by the magical world of “Alice in Wonderland”, Wonderland responds to the urgent mental health crisis affecting young people. The project touches upon issues such as anxiety, eating disorders, self-harming and depression and the accompanying workshop creates a safe space for teenagers to engage with their own responses with support of health professionals.
- **Mary Stevens Hospice** - to develop and sustain the No Barriers Here Programme which uses arts-based methods to reach people traditionally underserved by hospice and palliative care, and challenging the barriers that organisations often create.
- **Ekho Collective** - run 3 separate groups for 6 weeks each which combine education and support around understanding anxiety and depression, positive experiences to rebuild trust and confidence, opportunity to develop coping strategies, peer support and the awareness that creativity and green spaces can aid in the maintenance of positive mental health for Children and young people.

- **Beacon Centre** - a series of targeted patient engagement events to explore patient needs and understanding of ophthalmology and eye health.
- **Just Straight Talk** - work with people aged 23 upwards who are dependent on alcohol and who engage in unhealthy and risky behaviours.
- **Lye project** - an asset-based approach in 2 Phases to addressing health inequalities which will recognise, celebrate, connect and build on the existing community assets within the area. Phase one will focus on exploring community assets and aspirations, building relationships and trust. Phase two will focus on creating 'shareable moments' to encourage and support community-led activity. Following this a 'Make it Happen' programme will be facilitated providing access to a small pot of funding (if required) to deliver their project.
- **Digi Dudley** – aims to improve mental well-being & connections for the older population of Dudley (over 65yrs) by providing 1-1 and group sessions. The project helps them access digital resources, access other services, gain new skills and confidence, increase mental well-being and become more digitally included for the long term.
- **Refugee and Migrant Centre** – this operates a combination of a free drop-in service, dedicated appointments only sessions, English language classes (ESOL) and Employment advice three days a week. Predominantly from the Refugee and Migrant Hub in Provision House (Dudley) with outreach at 'OM Little Cornbow Centre' (Halesowen) and at a contingency hotel in Kingswinford where immigration advice and ESOL classes are delivered, and from 'Revival Fires' (Dudley) where ESOL classes are delivered. This project will receive separate funding from Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust and the Council to enable it to continue for some of the remaining part of 2023/24.

3. Whilst resources are no longer available in the current financial year as indicated, the projects are still supported by the Health and Care Partnership Board and the Integrated Commissioning Committee should the position change for 2024/25.

	4. Work is continuing to develop a voluntary and community sector led project to support hospital discharge at an expected cost of £40,000.
Emerging issues for discussion	None
Key asks of the Board/wider system	None
Contribution to H&WBB key goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving school readiness • Reducing circulatory disease deaths • More women screened for breast cancer 	Some of the projects are linked to the circulatory disease deaths and breast screening goals, others are designed to have an impact on other issues affecting health inequalities.
Contribution to Dudley Vision 2030	A place of healthy, resilient, safe communities with high aspirations and the ability to shape their own future.

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Population Health Management and Health Inequalities Steering Group

Date of Meeting: 9 November 2023

Agenda Item: 4.0

TITLE OF REPORT:	ICB System Development Funds (SDF) – Health Inequalities Allocation 2023/24
PURPOSE OF REPORT:	To inform the Population Health Management and Health Inequalities Steering Group of the intended use of the ICB's SDF Health Inequalities Allocation for 2023/24
AUTHOR(S) OF REPORT:	Sarah Knight/Andy Gray – Winter Planning Sally Cornfield/Kate Green – Health Inequalities
MANAGEMENT LEAD/SIGNED OFF BY:	Neill Bucktin, Dudley Managing Director
KEY POINTS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ICB via the SDF have made 3 allocations to Dudley to tackle health inequalities. • £71,689 for voluntary and community sector organisations, of which £40,000 has been allocated to support winter pressures. Plans have been developed with partners to utilise this. • A further allocation of £39,827, aimed at projects affecting children and young people relating to. It is recommended that the Teachable Moments Project previously funded via the historical allocation is funded via this new specific allocation. • As previously agreed, the main allocation of £159,000.00 has been allocated to continue to successful voluntary and community sector projects funded during 2022/23 • Projects funded during 2022/23 have been evaluated and expressions of interest for additional funds have been considered. • This Group received a report on 12/10/23 detailing the projects and subject to some minor clarifications agreed to recommend the projects detailed in paragraph 5.0 for further health inequalities funding in 2023/24. • There is a balance of approximately £30,000.00, it is recommended that Dudley CVS commence a new grant application process for the remaining monies and recommendations for its use be made to the PHMISG at its January meeting.



RECOMMENDATION:	<p>That the Health and Care Partnership Board and the Integrated Commissioning Committee be requested:-</p> <p>a) To approve the allocation of £40,000 to identify voluntary and community sector organisations that can support the admission avoidance/timely discharge process over the winter period.</p> <p>b) To support the allocation of £17,000.00 to the Teachable Moments Project and identify further projects that might address issues relating to knife crime amongst children and young people.</p> <p>c) To approve the allocation of £159,000.00 to the schemes identified in paragraph 5.0.</p> <p>c) To request Dudley CVS to commence a new process for those monies remaining from the allocation of £159,000</p>
CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:	None
LINKS TO CORPORATE OBJECTIVES:	
ACTION REQUIRED:	<input type="checkbox"/> Assurance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> For Information
<i>Possible implications identified in the paper:</i>	
Financial	
Risk Assurance Framework	
Policy and Legal Obligations	
Health Inequalities	All projects are designed to tackle health inequalities
Workforce Inequalities	
Governance	
Other Implications (e.g. HR, Estates, IT, Quality)	



Population Health Management and Health Inequalities Steering Group

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To consider proposals for the allocation of health inequalities funding

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 The ICB has made three separate allocations to Dudley for projects designed to reduce health inequalities. These are as follows:-

- Allocation for voluntary and community sector - £71,689
- Allocation for children and young people - £39,827
- Main allocation - £159,000

2.2 This report sets out proposals for the allocation of these monies.

3.0 VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR PROJECTS

3.1 This allocation was identified by the ICB as being made available to the sector to support:-

- Winter Pressures
- Health Literacy
- Cultural Intelligence Profiling

3.2 Following discussion with Dudley CVS, the latter two elements will be discussed with other Black Country colleagues through Black Country Together, to utilise these to best effect.

3.3 £40,000 has been allocated to support winter pressures. Discussions have taken place between the ICB, Dudley CVS and Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust (DGFT) regarding issues that resulted in unnecessary admission or delayed discharge.

3.2. This meeting generated significant discussion, with a general recommendation being agreed. Discussion included:-

- Support required to 'deliver items'. This could be forgotten or late items for discharge or support to deliver items to someone's house i.e., pieces of equipment, shopping, medication etc.
- Support to ensure the house is fit for discharge. This could be ensuring the furniture is in the correct position.
- Provide support to existing members of staff, for example accompanying them on a visit and completing any follow up actions (taking a letter to a GP surgery).
- A general agreement that an extra person to support all areas of discharge/admission avoidance to provide ad hoc/unplanned interventions of a low level that may otherwise delay discharge or cause an admission.



Principles

- This could be one or several voluntary sector organisations.
- The service will be aligned/potentially based in Dudley Clinical HUB so that they form part of the Dudley team.
- The service can support all organisations to help prevent admission/facilitate discharge. This would include Primary Care, Dudley Integrated Health and Care NHS Trust (DIHC), and Local Authority, with the overarching principle that the person is at the heart of the intervention to keep them out of hospital or ensure a smooth discharge.
- There will be a central system for receiving referrals (for example Integrated Plus), which is fast, free and ensures a timely/same day intervention where possible.
- Caseloads not held; the intervention supports an existing pathway.
- The intervention will be evaluated, and consideration given to further funding if shown to be successful.

4.0 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

4.1 An allocation of £39,827 has been made available to support:-

- Children and young people at risk of knife crime and/or gangs.
- Those caught up within knife crime.

4.2 It is proposed, in the first instance, to utilise this resource to support the existing Teachable Moments Project.

5.0 MAIN ALLOCATION

5.1 This allocation equates to the level of resource previously made available for voluntary and community sector projects. As discussed previously, it is suggested that this should be the focus for its use, consistent with the Health and Care Partnership Board's commitment to sustainable communities.

5.2 In October 2023 Dudley CVS approached the 13 existing organisations who had received 2022/23 funding to determine if they wished to be considered for continued funding.

5.3 Outcomes of the 2022/23 projects have been evaluated and requests for additional funding have been considered by Dudley CVS, the ICB Managing Director and the Programme Director for the Health and Care Partnership Board.

5.4 9 projects requested further funding by the deadline as outlined below.

5.5 Several projects were asked clarification questions and some late applications were received. The responses and late applications have been considered and it is recommended that the following projects are granted further monies up to the amount detailed in the table below in 2023/24.



Organisation / Project	Funding Request	Recommended Funding Amount 23/24
Cost of Living Hubs	£2,000.00	£2,000.00
Cancer Support	£5,000.00	£5,000.00
CReART	£6,000.00	£6,000.00
Ekho Collective	£15,000.00	£13,013.00
Just Straight Talk	£19,835.00	£19,835.00
Mary Stevens Hospice	£20,000.00	£17,033.00
Provision House	£15,300.00	£15,300.00
Dudley Caribbean Friends Association and High Oak Community Centre	£21,000.00	£21,000.00
The Lye Project	£10,000.00	£10,000.00
Digi Dudley	£2,000.00	£2,000.00
Refugee and Migrant Centre	£60,000.00	£15,000.00
Beacon Centre	£5,000.00	£5,000.00
Saltmine Trust	£20,000.00	Requires further discussion
Total Allocation 2023/24		£131,181.00
Balance		£27,819.00

The Saltmine Trust requires further consideration at the meeting and an update will be provided.

- 5.6 It is recommended that Dudley CVS commence a new grant application process for the remaining monies and recommendations of projects to support will be made to the PHMISG at its January meeting.

6.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 The Group is asked to recommend the Health and Care Partnership Board and the Integrated Commissioning Committee
- a. To approve the allocation of £40,000 to identify voluntary and community sector organisations that can support the admission avoidance/timely discharge process over the winter period.



- b. To support the allocation of £17,000.00 to the Teachable Moments Project and identify further projects that might address issues relating to knife crime amongst children and young people.
- c. To approve the allocation of £159,000.00 to the schemes identified in paragraph 5.0 above.
- d. To request Dudley CVS to commence a new process for those monies remaining from the allocation of £159,000.

