

LINCOLNSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Open Report on behalf of Dr Tony Hill, Executive Director of Community Wellbeing and Public Health

Report to	Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board
Date:	9 December 2014
Subject:	Health and Wellbeing Grant Fund

Summary:

The Health and Wellbeing Fund for Lincolnshire was established in 2008 under a Section 256 Agreement between Lincolnshire County Council and NHS Lincolnshire. It was established as a time limited fund to support projects and initiatives which improve the health and wellbeing of the people of Lincolnshire. A decision was taken in June 2014 to disband the Health and Wellbeing Fund Board and transfer responsibility for the remaining money to the Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board. This paper presents the summary guide detailing the criteria and process for making an application for funding. The Board is also asked to establish a Sub Group to review and endorse formal project proposals ahead of final sign off by the Board.

Actions Required:

1. That the new Section 256 Agreement be noted.
2. That the Board agrees the application process shown in Section 7 and the roles and responsibilities shown in Section 8 of Appendix B.
3. That the Board agrees to the establishment of a Sub Group to review and endorse the formal project proposal ahead of final sign off by the Board.

1. Background

The Health and Wellbeing Fund for Lincolnshire (the Fund) was established in 2008 following a partnership agreement between Lincolnshire County Council and NHS Lincolnshire. It was set up as a fund to support projects and initiatives which improve the health and wellbeing of the people of Lincolnshire and have a positive impact on people's lives. Both organisations contributed money to the fund, although the majority of funding came from the NHS. The Fund is managed by the County Council under a Section 256 transfer agreement. Governance of the Fund has been through the Health and Wellbeing Funding Board, made up of representatives from both organisations.

At the last meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Fund Board in June 2014, a decision was taken to disband the Fund Board and transfer responsibility for the remaining money, totalling £1,328,661.00, to the Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board to support the delivery of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS). Following this decision a revised Section 256 Agreement has been signed between Lincolnshire County Council and the four Clinical Commissioning Groups. This new agreement reflects the change in governance and updates the funding criteria to take account of the JHWS. A copy of the Section 256 Agreement is shown in Appendix A.

The summary guidance note, shown in Appendix B, expands on the Section 256 Agreement to provide prospective applicants with information on how to apply for funding, key roles and responsibilities, the selection criteria and the anticipated outcomes that need to be achieved. Key points include:

- applications need to demonstrate how it is addressing the themes and priorities in the JHWS and contributing to one or more of the outcomes detailed in the Section 256 Agreement;
- the Board will fund initiatives up to a value of £250,000;
- the Board will establish a Sub Group to review all project proposals and make funding recommendations to the Board;
- the Board is responsible for determining whether to fund applications and for ensuring the impact and effectiveness of the projects address the priorities in the JHWS.

Below is a summary of the application process, the full process is set out in Section 7 of Appendix B.:

- JHWS Theme Sponsor and Lead identify a need and ask for expressions of interest.
- JHWS Theme Sponsor and Lead review the expressions of interest and give a view on whether it meets the criteria and outcomes set out in the Section 256 and is therefore appropriate to progress to a formal project proposal.
- A Sub Group of the Board reviews all project proposals. An endorsement from the Sub Group allows the application to go to the next Board meeting which will make the final funding decision.
- Following any funding decision by the Board, formal funding arrangements will be put in place which will include the requirement to provide monitoring reports into the impact and effectiveness of the intervention.

The roles and responsibilities of the Board, the Sub Group, JHWS Sponsors and Leads are detailed in Section 8 of Appendix B.

2. Conclusion

The disbanding of the Health and Wellbeing Fund Board has enabled responsibility for the remaining money in the Health and Wellbeing Fund to be transferred to the Board. The renewed Section 256 Agreement has been updated to ensure future funding allocations improve the health and wellbeing of the people of Lincolnshire and contribute towards addressing the themes and priorities in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

3. Consultation

N/A

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Health and Wellbeing Grant Project Section 256 Agreement
Appendix B	Health and Wellbeing Grant Project Summary Guidance and Application Process

5. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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