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Committee:	Health and Social Care Review Group				
Date of Meeting:	04 May 2021				
Subject:	Public Health Grant Annual Allocation				
Report by:	Lucy Hubber, Director of Public Health				
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Implications:	Legal		Community Safety		
	Equalities		Environment		
	Financial		Consultations		
	Staffing		Other		
Wards Affected:	All				

# **Purpose**

1. To inform Members of the annual allocation of the Public Health Grant to Luton and the allocation of spend.

#### Recommendation

2. The Committee is recommended to note and support the Public Health grant spend in line with the spend categories identified to meeet the grant conditions.

#### **Background**

- 3. Public health services are funded through a ring-fenced grant provided to local authorities on an annual basis. The value of the grant is calculated using the standardised mortality rate for under 75s, adjusted for age, gender and health outcomes. Luton benefits with a higher per capita allocation than surrounding areas.
- **4.** The terms of the public health grant means that it is ring-fenced for specific purposes, as outlined in table 1.



Table 1: Categories for reporting local authority public health spend in 2021/22

Non-prescribed functions:
8) Sexual health services - Advice, prevention and promotion 9) Obesity – adults 10) Obesity - children 11) Physical activity – adults 12) Physical activity - children 13) Treatment for drug misuse in adults 14) Treatment for alcohol misuse in adults 15) Preventing and reducing harm from drug misuse in adults 16) Preventing and reducing harm from alcohol misuse in adults 17) Specialist drugs and alcohol misuse services for children and young people 18) Stop smoking services and interventions 19) Wider tobacco control 20) Children 5-19 public health programmes 21) Other Children's 0-5 services non-prescribed 22) Health at work 23) Public mental health 24) Miscellaneous, can include but is not exclusive to:  • Nutrition initiatives • Accidents Prevention • General prevention • General prevention • Community safety, violence prevention & social exclusion • Dental public health • Fluoridation • Infectious disease surveillance and control • Environmental hazards protection • Seasonal death reduction initiatives • Birth defect preventions 25) test, track and trace and outbreak planning 26) other public health spend relating to COVID-19

- 5. Local authorities have to provide a Statement of Assurance to PHE and a Revenue Outturn form to MHCLG confirming that the amounts shown on the Statement relate to eligible expenditure on public health and that the grant has been used for the purposes intended. The returns must be certified by the authority's Chief Executive (or the authority's S151 Officer) and the Director of Public Health.
- 6. Any breach in the terms or conditions of the Grant, such as the Chief Executive, DPH or S151 officer unable to confirm that spend fairly presents the eligible expenditure, may mean that the Secretary of State may reduce, suspend or withhold grant payments or require the repayment of the whole or any part of the grant monies paid.



# Report

7. On 16 March 2021, Luton Council was notified of its allocation for 2021/22. The Council will receive £15,730,216 which is an increase of 0.96% since last year (or a reduction in real terms).

# **Proposal**

The public health grant will be spent as shown in table and are in line with the activities set out in Table 1 and will allow the Director of Public Health to sign off the Statement of Assurance.

External Reporting Lines	PH grant 2021-22 (£)	
Sexual Health - STI testing and treatment	1,060,098	
Sexual Health - contraception	946,826	
Sexual Health - promotion, prevention and advice	520,784	
NHS Health Check Programme	156,002	
Health Protection	46,405	
National Child Measurement Programme	24,164	
Public Health Advice to NHS Commissioners	44,020	
Obesity - Adults	392,053	
Obesity - Children	116,555	
Physical Activity - Adults	374,989	
Physical Activity - Children	147,226	
Substance misuse- treatment for drug misuse in adults	2,996,204	
Substance misuse- treatment for alcohol misuse in adults	272,667	
Substance misuse-preventing and reducing harm from drug	480,629	
misuse in adults		
Substance misuse-preventing and reducing harm from	243,910	
alcohol misuse in adults		
Substance misuse-specialist drug and alcohol misuse	303,875	
services for children and young people		
Smoking and tobacco-stop smoking services and	571,191	
intervention		
Smoking and tobacco-wider tobacco control	35,937	
Children 5-19 public health programmes	868,817	
Mandated 0-5 children services	4,215,569	
All other 0-5 children's services	143,160	
Health at work	-	
Public Mental Health	52,697	
Public Health team and contributions to other services	1,716,438	
which support Public Health outcomes.		
TOTAL	15,730,216	

# **Appendix**

None

List of Background Papers - Local Government Act 1972, Section 100D

PH Grant determination letter 16/03/21 here