

Title of paper:	Big Lottery: Fulfilling Lives: A Better Start	
Report to:	Children's Partnership Board	
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Relevant Director:	Ian Curryer	Wards affected: All
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Other officers who have provided input:		
Relevant Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) objectives(s):		
Stronger safeguarding – With a key focus on ensuring that there are high standards of safeguarding across all agencies and that the Partnership takes a pro-active approach to the elimination of domestic violence.		x
Healthy living – With a key focus on increasing the proportion of children and young people who have a healthy weight.		x
Reducing substance misuse – Partnership work to lessen the impact on children of parental drug and alcohol misuse and to reduce drug and alcohol misuse amongst children and young people.		
Raising attainment – Raising the attainment levels and increasing engagement in employment, education and training.		
Improving attendance – Improving rates of attendance at both Primary and Secondary as a key foundation of improving outcomes.		
Summary of issues (including benefits to customers/service users):		
There is an opportunity to secure Big Lottery funding to support the use of preventative approaches to improve the life chances of children aged 0 - three.		
Awards to three to five areas of between £30m and £50m lasting for up to ten years will be available in 2014.		
Initially, Local Authorities will be asked to express an interest in their area being long-listed for further consideration. Ultimately, the grants will be awarded to voluntary and community sector-led partnerships. This partnership will need to involve relevant local public agencies, including the local authority and local health agencies.		
This is a great opportunity for Nottingham as an Early Intervention City to build on the strong foundations and partnership already in place.		
Recommendations:		
1	The Children's Partnership Board to note the contents of this report and the opportunity it offers to the City of Nottingham.	
2	The Children's Partnership Board to agree to support the development of the opportunity.	

1.BACKGROUND AND PROPOSALS

A new £165m Fulfilling Lives: A Better Start initiative aims to deliver a step change in the use of preventative approaches to improve the life chances of children aged 0 - three. Awards to three to five areas of between £30m and £50m lasting for up to ten years will be available in 2014. This is a great opportunity for Nottingham as an Early Intervention City to build on the strong foundations and partnership already in place.

Programme Features:

The aim of the award is to deliver a step change in the use of preventative approaches for babies and children from pregnancy to three years of age. Selected areas will need to demonstrate a new way to design and deliver effective preventative services that:

- ◆ progressively target the entire population through ante- and post-natal assessment, so that the greatest support is given to the neediest 20-30 per cent of families
- ◆ run a variety of programmes and initiatives to aid the key areas that will affect a child's life and prevent harm, specifically: social and emotional development; language development; diet and nutrition
- ◆ ensure primary prevention is at the heart of service delivery
- ◆ use a 'whole-family' approach is taken to 'get it right first time'
- ◆ ensure systems are responsive to changing needs and maximise uptake from those that need it most.

Partnerships will need to select an area with a population of approximately 50,000 people where there is evidence of deprivation and high levels of need amongst children using a range of health, education and social indicators and work with expectant parents, as well as with parents and carers of very young children.

Who can apply?

In the first instance, Local Authorities will be asked to express an interest in their area being long-listed for further consideration. Ultimately, the grants will be awarded to voluntary and community sector-led partnerships. The partnership will involve relevant local public agencies, including the local authority and local health agencies.

What next?

There are some key dates in the process as follows:

January 2013;	expressions of interest will be invited, then between 30 and 50 selected areas will be asked to complete a stage one application
Summer 2013;	a further short-list of between 10 and 15 areas will be offered development grants and support to prepare for making changes locally.
March 2014;	the final selection of three to five areas, will be awarded between £30-£50 million each.

More information is available at <http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/betterstart>

Nottingham City Council's Early Intervention Team would like to support discussions on a partnership bid and help to co-ordinate communications.

Early Intervention Team contact: dot.veitch@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

One Nottingham will be supporting a briefing event for the Voluntary Sector, relevant public sector organisations and interested parties. Further information including the date will be circulated shortly.

2.RISKS

A strong, well co-ordinated partnership approach will be required to successfully progress this opportunity. Any breakdown in partnership communications or a failure to produce an active programme of development will adversely affect the process.

3.FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

A successful outcome will secure funding of between £30-£50 for the City of Nottingham

4.LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Not apparent at this stage

5.CLIENT GROUP

All Groups of children, young people or carers who will be covered by the opportunity.

6.IMPACT ON EQUALITIES ISSUES

The extensive partnership approach required in this opportunity will require and ensure engagement and consideration of equality issues from a wide range of communities.

7.OUTCOMES AND PRIORITIES AFFECTED

The main CYPP objectives and priorities which are likely to be affected are:

Stronger safeguarding – With a key focus on ensuring that there are high standards of safeguarding across all agencies and that the Partnership takes a pro-active approach to the elimination of domestic violence.

Healthy living – With a key focus on increasing the proportion of children and young people who have a healthy weight.

8.CONTACT DETAILS

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