

**EXECUTIVE BOARD – 21 JANUARY 2014**

<b>Subject:</b>	Public Health Prescription Charges (FP10)		
<b>Corporate Director(s)/ Director(s):</b>	Chris Kenny, Director of Public Health		
<b>Portfolio Holder(s):</b>	Councillor Alex Norris, Portfolio Holder for Adults and Health		
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<b>Key Decision</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
<b>Reasons:</b> Expenditure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Income <input type="checkbox"/> Savings <input type="checkbox"/> of £1,000,000 or more taking account of the overall impact of the decision			Revenue <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capital <input type="checkbox"/>
Significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area consisting of two or more wards in the City			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes    No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Subject to call-in</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes    No <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Total value of the decision:</b> £1.096 million		
<b>Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:</b>	<b>Wards affected:</b>		
World Class Nottingham <input type="checkbox"/>	All		
Work in Nottingham <input type="checkbox"/>			
Safer Nottingham <input type="checkbox"/>			
Neighbourhood Nottingham <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s):</b> 7 January 2014		
Family Nottingham <input type="checkbox"/>			
Healthy Nottingham <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Leading Nottingham <input type="checkbox"/>			
<b>Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):</b>			
The allocation of the Public Health (PH) grant to Local Authorities included an allocation for the costs associated with prescription charges (FP10s) related to Health Improvement Services as per Department of Health (DoH) grant conditions. These costs are paid for by the Nottingham Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) on behalf of the Local Authority.			
This report seeks approval to pay the CCG and confirm that the cost for 2013/14 is £1.096 million.			
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>			
1. To note that prescription charges, relating to Health Improvement Services for PH are £1.096 million for 2013/14 and these charges are as per the PH budget allocation and DoH grant conditions.			
2. To approve payment of £0.846 million from the PH budget to the Nottingham CCG to meet the total costs of prescription charges, noting that an interim payment of £0.250 million was approved by Delegated Decision (ref: 0942).			

**1 BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)**

- 1.1 An allocation of £1.096 million for the cost of prescription charges (FP10s) arising from Health Improvement Services commissioned by PH was included in the PH budget transfer in April 2013. The value of £1.096 million is based on information provided by Nottingham CCG prior to the transition.

- 1.2 All prescription charges are currently paid by Nottingham CCG and the payment from Nottingham City Council has been requested to cover the cost of charges related to Health Improvement Services commissioned by PH.
- 1.3 In following years further analysis is needed to ensure Nottingham City Council are only paying for the prescription charges applicable to the services PH are responsible for and this work will be undertaken by the PH Team.

## **2 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 The allocation of £1.096 million for the total costs of prescription charges (FP10) was included within the PH ring fenced grant for 2013/14. All prescription costs are paid direct by the CCG and, therefore, payment of £0.846 million needs to be made to ensure that the total cost of prescription charges are met.

## **3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 No other options were considered when making this decision as payment must be made to cover the charges.

## **4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)**

- 4.1 The PH budget for 2013/14 is £27.081 million, this includes an allocation for FP10 Prescription charges of £1.096 million. This allocation was based on information provided by the CCG prior to transition, included in the budget allocation and the payment for this service is included in the DoH grant conditions.
- 4.2 During 2013/14 Delegated Decision 0942 approved for an interim payment of £0.250 million to the CCG whilst the PH budget transfer was being finalised. This report seeks approval of the balance of £0.846 million to be paid to the CCG.
- 4.3 There is no set budget allocation for FP10 costs within the 2014/15 PH budget prescribed by the DoH, therefore, a local agreement between PH and the CCG needs to be established to support payment.

## **5 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES (INCLUDING LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS)**

- 5.1 None.

## **6 SOCIAL VALUE CONSIDERATIONS**

- 6.1 None

## **7 REGARD TO THE NHS CONSTITUTION**

- 7.1 Local authorities have a statutory duty to have regard to the NHS Constitution when exercising their public health functions under the NHS Act 2006. In making this decision relating to public health functions, we have properly considered the NHS Constitution where applicable and have taken into account how it can be applied in order to commission services to improve the health of the local community.

**8 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)**

Has the equality impact been assessed?

- (a) not needed (report does not contain proposals for new or changing policies, services or functions, financial decisions or decisions about implementation of policies development outside the Council)
- (b) No
- (c) Yes – Equality Impact Assessment attached

**9 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION**

9.1 None.

**10 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT**

10.1 Delegated Decision 0942

**11 OTHER COLLEAGUES WHO HAVE PROVIDED INPUT**

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