

## **Gambling Related Harm Strategy 2023-2028 – Financial Comments.**

For reasons outlined by the report author, this decision seeks approval to approve expenditure and procurement of **£417,000** of Public Health grant over 4 years 2023/24 to 2026/27 for the following:

1. Public awareness campaigns
2. Gambling training and resources
3. Enhanced training
4. Gambling recovery service

Item	Description	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
1	Public awareness campaigns	£22,000	£10,000	£5,000	£5,000
2	Gambling related harm training and resources for professionals working with children and young people	0	£40,000	£40,000	£40,000
3	Enhanced training and support for professionals using targeted screening to detect gambling related harm	0	£35,000	£35,000	£35,000
4	Gambling recovery service	0	£50,000	£50,000	£50,000
	<b>Total per Year</b>	<b>£22,000</b>	<b>£135,000</b>	<b>£130,000</b>	<b>£130,000</b>

The **maximum cost of this decision is £417,000** and is incorporated within the expenditure of Public Health Medium Term Financial Plan and in line with Public Health priorities. If Public Health funding was to reduce in future years, the service would need to realign services within the revised available funding limit ensuring that no financial pressure arises. The service will need to ensure they consider the best value framework when awarding the procurement contract in order to demonstrate value for money and that there is an appropriate exit strategy.

The project manager has confirmed there are no additional employees within this decision. The actual costs associated with this decision will require regular monitoring to form appropriate financial accounting and an audit trail to support robust forecasting. Any decisions taken will need to be captured against this decision value to ensure it is not exceeded. This information will also be used for internal/external reporting purposes as required. If there are any changes to the proposal in this decision, further approval would be required.

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