

COMMISSIONING AND PROCUREMENT SUB-COMMITTEE– 10 March 2016

Subject:	Funding of prescription medicines associated with public health commissioned services		
Corporate Director(s)/ Director(s):	Alison Michalska, Corporate Director of Children and Families Alison Challenger, Interim Director of Public Health		
Portfolio Holder(s):	Councillor Alex Norris		
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Key Decision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Subject to call-in	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Reasons: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expenditure <input type="checkbox"/> Income <input type="checkbox"/> Savings of £1,000,000 or more taking account of the overall impact of the decision			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Capital
Significant impact on communities living or working in two or more wards in the City			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Total value of the decision: £1,096,000			
Wards affected: all	Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s): 17 Feb 2016		
Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:			
Strategic Regeneration and Development			<input type="checkbox"/>
Schools			<input type="checkbox"/>
Planning and Housing			<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Services			<input type="checkbox"/>
Energy, Sustainability and Customer			<input type="checkbox"/>
Jobs, Growth and Transport			<input type="checkbox"/>
Adults, Health and Community Sector			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Children, Early Intervention and Early Years			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Leisure and Culture			<input type="checkbox"/>
Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration			<input type="checkbox"/>
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):			
<p>This report seeks the approval of payment of £548,000 to fund prescription medicines associated with public health commissioned services to Nottingham City CCG for 2015/16 Q3 & Q4. This will result in a total of £1,096,000 for 2015/16.</p>			
Exempt information:			
None			
Recommendation(s):			
<p>1 Approve the payment of £548,000 to Nottingham City CCG for the funding of prescription medicines associated with public health commissioned services</p>			

1 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 To reimburse the Nottingham City CCG for the costs associated with prescription medicines associated with public health commissioned services

2 BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 Under the Health and Social Care Act 2010 the local authority has a responsibility to commission public health services. These include: drugs and alcohol services, smoking cessation support and sexual health services, each of which involves the prescription of medications to service users. Funding for these services is included within the Public Health grant.
- 2.2 Whilst the responsibility and funding for these services lies with Nottingham City Council, the costs associated with prescribing are borne by Nottingham City CCG. These costs relate to payments to the community pharmacy where a prescription is dispensed and the cost of the prescription drugs themselves. As such, it is necessary to reimburse the Nottingham City CCG for the costs.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Do nothing. This option was rejected as it would put at risk working relationships with Nottingham City CCG and the continuation of the administration and supply of prescription drugs associated with public health commissioned services.
- 3.2 Moving to a pooled budget arrangement. This option is being considered for 2016/17 as part of the integration of health and social care programme.

4 FINANCE COMMENTS (INCLUDING IMPLICATIONS AND VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

- 4.1 Payment of £548,000 for 2015/16 Q3 and Q4. This is in addition to £548,000 for Q1 and Q2 paid through DDM2302 on 14/01/2016, a total of £1,096,000 for 2015/16.
- 4.2 These costs have been included within the Public Health budget for 2015/16.

5 LEGAL AND PROCUREMENT COMMENTS (INCLUDING RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES, AND INCLUDING LEGAL, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT AND PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS)

- 5.1 This payment raises no significant legal concerns. The costs having been incurred as part of the Council's duty to commission public health services under the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

6 STRATEGIC ASSETS & PROPERTY COMMENTS (FOR DECISIONS RELATING TO ALL PROPERTY ASSETS AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE (STRATEGIC REGENERATION COMMITTEE REPORTS ONLY)

- 6.1 N/A

7 SOCIAL VALUE CONSIDERATIONS

- 7.1 N/A This decision only applies to the recharging of services.

8 REGARD TO THE NHS CONSTITUTION

8.1 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.

9 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)

9.1 Has the equality impact of the proposals in this report been assessed?

No

An EIA is not required because: EIAs have been undertaken for the associated services. This decision only applies to the recharging of these services.

Yes

10 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS RELIED UPON IN WRITING THIS REPORT (NOT INCLUDING PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS OR CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION)

10.1 None

11 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN THIS REPORT

11.1 Health and Social Care Act 2012

12 OTHER COLLEAGUES WHO HAVE PROVIDED INPUT

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