



Thursday, 24 July 2008, 10.00am for 10.30am

Item 7: Worcestershire Local Area Agreement Health Improvement Fund

The Worcestershire Partnership Board approved the following paper at its meeting on 10 July 2008.



Introduction

Now that the 2008-2011 Local Area Agreement has been approved, many of the indicators are relevant to health improvement, although a core set of the most relevant is listed in Table 1. To facilitate delivery of these targets, a Health Improvement Fund has been established to support new initiatives over the 2008-11 period.

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| 8 | Adult participation in sport |
| 39 | Alcohol – harm related hospital admission rates |
| 56 | Obesity among primary school age children in year 6 |
| 110 | Young people's participation in positive activities |
| 112 | Under 18 conception rate |
| 121 | Mortality rate from all circulatory diseases at ages under 75 |
| 123 | 16+ current smoking rate prevalence |

Considerations

Health Improvement Funding has been secured from a number of sources. The fund has a value of almost £1 million, although a small amount of this funding has already been allocated. On 23 June 2008 the Health and Social Care Partnership Board:

- Extended their thanks to those organisations contributing to the Health Improvement Fund – as in Table 2.
- Endorsed the use of the Fund to deliver the core Health Improvement targets of the new LAA as listed.
- Supported the launch of the Health Improvement Fund and the associated paperwork.

The Fund will be used to commission projects and services from local organisations and partnerships and these will be 'badged' collectively under Worcestershire Partnership Health Improvement initiatives.

Subject to Board agreement, the Health Improvement Fund is being launched from today. Grants will be subject to a formal approval process, involving the requirement to complete a standard application form, in accordance with the annual timetable outlined below:

Timetable for invitation and approval of Applications

| Year | | Invitation for Applications | 'How to Apply' Workshops | Deadline for Applications | Approval Panel meets |
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| 1 | 2008/09 | 10 July 2008 | September 2008 | 30 October 2008 | November 2008 |
| 2 | 2009/10 | 30 November 2008 | December 2008 | 31 January 2009 | February 2009 |
| 3 | 2010/11 | 30 November 2009 | December 2009 | 31 January 2010 | February 2010 |

The Application Approval process will be managed to ensure compliance with the same requirements as the VCS Shopping, Investing and Giving grants process. Workshops will be held to help organisations make effective applications. The application form and associated paperwork is to be tabled at the Board meeting.

Financial Implications

The Health Improvement Fund is made up as follows:

| Table 2 | |
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| Organisation | Contribution |
| Worcestershire PCT | £700,000 |
| Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust | £100,000 |
| Worcestershire County Council ACS (Pump priming grant for reward target D1 carried forward to new LAA) | £100,000* |
| Worcestershire County Council ACS (Pump priming grant for reward target D4 carried forward to new LAA) | £99,030* |
| Total | £999,030 |

* Note that these elements of the fund need to be spent before 31st March 2009

Grants will be available up to a maximum of £75,000. The Health Improvement Fund Shortlisting Group will consider applications initially, and Shortlisted Applications will advance for final consideration to the Health Improvement Fund Approval Group. Details of the proposed membership of these groups will be provided in the paperwork to be tabled on the day of the Board meeting.

Recommendations

That the Board: Welcome and endorse the launch of the Health Improvement Fund to contribute towards delivery of the core Health Improvement targets of the new Local Area Agreement.

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