

Public Document Pack



Helen Barrington
Director of Legal Services
County Hall
Matlock
Derbyshire
DE4 3AG

Extension
Direct Dial 01629 538394
Ask for Juliette
Normington

PUBLIC

To: Members of Cabinet Member - Health and Communities

Tuesday 25 May 2021

Dear Councillor

Please attend a meeting of the **Cabinet Member - Health and Communities** to be held at **11.00 am** on **Thursday, 3 June 2021 in Committee Room 1 at County Hall**; the agenda for which is set out below.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Helen E. Barrington'.

Helen Barrington
Director of Legal Services

A G E N D A

PART I - NON-EXEMPT ITEMS

1. Declarations of Interest (if any)
2. To confirm the non-exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member - Health and Communities held on 14 April 2021 (Pages 1 - 2)
3. To consider the non-exempt reports of the Director of Public Health:
 - 3 (a) Update on Public Health COVID-19 Emergency Fund (Pages 3 - 8)

3 (b) Use of the Contain Outbreak Management Fund (Pages 9 - 14)

4. Exclusion of the Public

To move, that under Regulation 4 (2)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that in view of the nature of the items of business, that if members of the public were present, exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 would be disclosed to them.

PART II - EXEMPT ITEMS

5. Declarations of Interest (if any)

6. To confirm the exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member - Health and Communities held on 14 April 2021 (Pages 15 - 16)

PUBLIC

MINUTES of a meeting of **CABINET MEMBER MEETING - HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES** held on Wednesday, 14 April 2021 virtually on MS Teams

PRESENT

Councillor C Hart – Cabinet Member

Also in attendance: Councillor G Wharmby

23/21 NON-EXEMPT MINUTES

RESOLVED - to confirm the non-exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member - Health and Communities held on 25 March 2021.

24/21 INITIATIVE THINKING SKILLS GRANT FUNDING

Approval was sought from the Cabinet Member for grant funding over the course of two years, at a cost of £35,000 per annum, for the provision of a Perpetrator Programme with Intuitive Thinking Skills (ITS).

Intuitive Thinking Skills previously delivered a short pilot project for the Community Safety Unit of their joint perpetrator and 'affected others' programmes, funding for which came from the Home Office under their Violence Against Women and Girls Service Transformation Fund 2017-2020.

The projects were favourably evaluated by Derby University with significant improvement being observed in scores for both programmes; identified themes were listed within the report. Derbyshire Constabulary also provided incident reporting data which suggested a significant change in the level of incidents for those who participated in the perpetrator programme.

RESOLVED - that the Cabinet Member approve grant funding over the course of two years, at a cost of £35,000 per annum, for the provision of a Perpetrator Programme with Intuitive Thinking Skills (ITS).

25/21 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

To move, that under Regulation 4(2)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that in view of the nature of the items of business, that if members of the public were present, exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 would be disclosed to them.

**SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED AFTER THE PUBLIC,
INCLUDING THE PRESS, WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING**

1. To consider the exempt report of the Executive Director of Commissioning, Communities and Policy on the variation to the Domestic Abuse Support Services contract to include the additional investment of £367,500 (£122,500 pa for up to three years) (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)).

PUBLIC

Author: Ellen Langton/ Iain Little

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES

3 June 2021

Report of the Director of Public Health

**UPDATE ON PUBLIC HEALTH COVID-19 EMERGENCY FUND
(Health and Communities)**

1. Purpose of the Report

To provide an update on organisations supported through the Public Health COVID-19 Emergency Fund.

2. Information and Analysis

The ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic has seen many organisations across Derbyshire working to ensure the basic needs of the most vulnerable residents are met, and it has become apparent that a number of community and voluntary sector organisations have insufficient resources to maintain their current level of response. In addition, supporting the clinically extremely vulnerable, social isolation and requirement for activities to comply with social distancing guidance have compelled many organisations to quickly adapt their service delivery model to operate within the guidance, often requiring additional resources to enable this.

On 24 June 2020, the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities approved the establishment of a Public Health COVID-19 Emergency Fund to support voluntary and community sector organisations in mitigating the impact of COVID-19 on local communities, and to work to improve the health and wellbeing of local populations. Funding of up to a maximum value of £2,000 is available for constituted groups and £250 for non-constituted groups.

The Public Health COVID-19 Emergency Fund is funded from the Public Health Grant. For this reason, all applications must be linked to the current Public Health work programme, for example to support mental health and emotional wellbeing, increase social connectedness, or to prevent demand on statutory services. This will allow the Public Health Emergency Fund to run concurrently with other corporate grant schemes, whilst retaining a clear focus on improving public health outcomes.

Authority for approval of applications was delegated by the Cabinet Member to the Director of Public Health, with quarterly update reports in respect of organisations funded to Cabinet Member meetings. This is the fourth such quarterly update covering organisations who have received funding from 22 February 2021 to 26 April 2021.

In addition to the 74 organisations that have already been funded, additional applications, detailed below, have also been reviewed and approved for funding. Funding decisions are made by a panel comprising of an Assistant Director in Public Health, a Public Health Lead and a Health Improvement Practitioner, before ratification by the Director of Public Health. The following organisations have been approved for funding:

Organisation	Location	Application details	Funding approved
Chesterfield Senegambia Association	Chesterfield	Enable members of this BME group to keep in touch virtually via purchase of 15 tablets to provide information on COVID-19 restrictions and other key health messages.	£2,000.00
Belper Meadows Sports Club	Amber Valley	Purchase of equipment and enhanced cleaning provision to enable sports activity to take place.	£1,900.00
Manor Fields Association	Chesterfield	Development of wildflower meadow in greenspace to support mental wellbeing.	£732.00
Briteside CIC	Chesterfield	Purchase equipment to allow Cancer Support Group to run virtually.	£1,740.00
1st Ripley Guides	Amber Valley	Virtual activity event costs	£1,662.00
First Art	North East Derbyshire	Engage 30 local people in Clay Cross to sign up to virtual Art Club and provide kit and newsletters	£2,000.00
Hope Long Eaton	Erewash	Community food project in Petersham	£1,992.14
Derbyshire Stroke and Neuro Therapy Centre	Countywide	Themed monthly COVID secure events for individuals attending centre	£1,920.00
Whittington Hun Youth Club	Chesterfield	Virtual Easter Holiday Crafts session for 60 people	£299.40
Polski Link Group	South Derbyshire	Mental Health and Wellbeing helpline for polish community	£1,808.00
Parkside CIC	Erewash	Range of COVID secure outdoor	£2,000.00

		activities to support young people in Ilkeston and Cotmanhay area	
High Peak District Scouts	High Peak	Return to scouting programme to support confidence in young people	£2,000.00
Holymoorside Pre-school play group	Chesterfield	Support with loss of income to enable successful re-opening of group in relation to rent and equipment	£2,000.00
New Houghton Community Hub	Bolsover	Opening of Community Café and to ensure COVID secure	£1,870.00
Mickley PTFA	NE Derbyshire	Continuation of community-based foodbank	£1,896.94
Rogue Runners	Amber Valley	Running/ walking group to launch and ensure COVID secure	£800.00
Yellow Daisies	Amber Valley	Allow play group to reopen in line with COVID secure guidance	£350.97
All Being Well	Erewash	Virtual and at home arts group sessions	£2,000.00
Glapwell Community Centre	Bolsover	Support community café and foodbank	£2,000.00
Whitwell Voice Choir	Bolsover	Run online virtual choir sessions	£714.00
Bank House	South Derbyshire	Mental health support and support with key items to people impacted by pandemic.	£1,979.00
Freedom Community Project	Bolsover	Digital mental health support project.	£1,996.40
Standing Tall	Chesterfield	Mental and emotional support group delivered online.	£2,000.00
Etwall Eagles Swimming Club	South Derbyshire	Support club to operate in COVID secure way with reduced attendance.	£1,315.00
Chesterfield Male Voice Choir	Chesterfield	Purchase PPE and make activities COVID secure.	£100.00
Caanan Trust	Erewash	Mental Health Support.	£1,700.00
2nd Brampton Scout Group	Chesterfield	Purchase PPE and make activities COVID secure.	£1,800.00
Valley Cids Blend Youth Group	Amber Valley	Purchase tablets to enable remote creative digital arts activities to take place.	£1,771.50
Swadlincote Swimming	South Derbyshire	Facilitate online meetings of swimming club.	£1,099.00
Brook Community Centre	Bolsover	Food bank provision.	£2,000.00

Fleet Arts	Amber Valley	Socially distanced arts initiatives at care homes.	£2,000.00
Waingroves Methodist Church	Amber Valley	Run community activities in COVID secure way for young families and older people	£1,000.00
Health Friends of Edinburgh Park	Chesterfield	Wellbeing project to undertake environmental improvements to develop use of greenspace	£1,900.00
Ashbourne Elm Church	Derbyshire Dales	Provision of essential supplies to support community foodbank	£2,000.00
Total			£49,446.35

3. Financial Considerations

The overall value of the Emergency Fund is £0.200m and to date £185,657.23. has been awarded to Derbyshire organisations. Funding will be met from the Public Health Reserve and where appropriate from COVID-19 Contain Framework funding.

4. Human Resources Considerations

The funding will enable local providers to deliver projects and services. Derbyshire County Council accepts no employment or future redundancy liability, with all employment and related matters to be managed by the providers.

5. Legal Considerations

The Council's Financial Regulations allow grants of up to £0.100m to organisations to be approved by Cabinet Member. The Council's Constitution allows for Cabinet Members to delegate authority to officers to undertake the powers afforded to them by the Constitution. The Council's standard grant agreement shall be used to set out the terms and conditions for which the grants are made, which provides for clawback of funding in certain circumstances and shall also provide that the Council is not liable for any employment liabilities.

6. Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: equality of opportunity, health, environmental, transport, property and crime and disorder considerations.

7. Background Papers

[Update on COVID-19 Emergency Fund – Cabinet Member for Health and Communities Cabinet Member Committee report](#)

[Establishing a Public Health Emergency Fund to support the response to COVID-19 – Cabinet Member for Health and Communities Cabinet Member Committee Report.](#)

[Update on COVID-19 Emergency Fund – Cabinet Member for Health and Communities Cabinet Member report \(February 2021\)](#)

[Update on COVID-19 Emergency Fund – Cabinet Member for Health and Communities Cabinet Member report \(March 2021\)](#)

8. Key Decision

Yes

9. Is it required that the Call-in period be waived in respect of the decisions being proposed within this report?

No

10. Officers Recommendation

That the Cabinet Member:

- i. Notes the allocation of the Public Health COVID-19 Emergency Fund to date.
- ii. Continues to delegate authority to the Director of Public Health to approve awards of no more than £2,000 to individual organisations.
- iii. Receives details of further recipient organisations on a quarterly basis.

Dean Wallace
Director of Public Health

This page is intentionally left blank

PUBLIC

Author: Ellen Langton/ Vicky Smyth

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES

3 June 2021

Report of the Director of Public Health

**USE OF THE CONTAIN OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT FUND TO PROVIDE
ADDITIONAL SELF ISOLATION SUPPORT**

1. Purpose of the Report

This report seeks approval from the Cabinet Member to fund Citizens Advice Derbyshire for additional surge capacity to provide specific advice, information and resources that support individuals to successfully plan for and adhere to self-isolation requirements linked to COVID-19.

2. Information and Analysis

Local welfare assistance and advice provision is likely to be in high general demand throughout the 2021/22 financial year. The financial impact of the pandemic in relation to employment and reduced income security will be a factor for residents in Derbyshire, especially as furlough and self-employed income schemes come to an end.

As Derbyshire continues to respond to COVID-19 individuals will still be asked to self-isolate if they test positive for COVID-19 or have been identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive. In some instances, this request to self-isolate will create challenges for individuals in terms of financial hardship or concerns about their rights during this period. The proposed activity seeks to proactively prevent this, ensure that access to the £500 self-isolation support is maximised and where additional requirement for support is required, a local solution is in place. The project outlined in this report will link and work together with other self isolation support mechanisms, to ensure that local people in Derbyshire adhere to self-isolation guidance and have appropriate advice and support in place to allow them to successfully do this.

2.1 Rationale and evidence to support approach

Recent research by [Public Health Wales](#) has identified that one in five have indicated that self-isolation is a challenge for many individuals. The research further highlighted:

- Of the top 5 issues listed that prevent self-isolation, financial support and planning was item 4 on the list.
- Only 68.5% of the population plan for self-isolation.
- Those with a higher confidence in the ability to self-isolate did so.
- Individuals with high levels of income precarity were significantly more likely to say they had left home during self-isolation to purchase food or medicines.

The research made several recommendations, which included that increased financial support should be made available to enable individuals to get essential items, and that financial and practical support helped to minimise the potential health and economic harm of self-isolation.

2.2 Citizens Advice Surge Capacity to provide self-isolation support

Derbyshire Citizens Advice have identified that securing additional capacity for a period of 12 months will allow them to offer dedicated over the phone advice to individuals who are currently or may be at risk of experiencing financial difficulties whilst they self-isolate.

The Citizens Advice advisors will, during or in advance of a person self-isolating, be able to provide practical financial advice and specialist advice regarding employment rights and status for example, reducing anxiety and concern of an individual who may feel that they are at risk during a period of self-isolation.

There is considerable evidence of the effectiveness of advice from Derbyshire Citizens Advice of improving local wellbeing based on research studies of its work, including services based in GP and health settings. In Derbyshire Return on Investment suggests that for every £1 invested in advice linked to health, there are average returns over many years of £12 financial gains and £8 in debts managed (Citizens Advice 2021)

Demand data analysts at National Citizens Advice are predicting both an across the board increase in demand for advice but large spikes between 10-50% in key advice areas such as debt, redundancy and income protection.

The funding requested in this report will enable Derbyshire Citizens Advice to increase access to:

- Quality telephone advice which will allow people to be helped quickly, especially when at risk of a crisis, such as needing to self-isolate.
- Ongoing and detailed follow up advice and casework to enable an effective response to people who present with multiple issues who are particularly vulnerable to situations such as self-isolation
- Money Advice to build capacity to assist people experiencing chronic financial challenges arising through COVID related change of circumstances.

Collaborative pathways will be developed with the Derbyshire Welfare Rights Service, Derbyshire Discretionary Fund, local contact tracing team and Community Response Unit so that staff working in these areas can signpost individuals to CA support (and vice versa) as required as part of a more local and holistic response to supporting individuals to effectively self-isolate or plan for self-isolation.

It is intended that by providing advice and support needed to achieve financial stability, individuals will be less likely to challenge the rules in the future and this will enable them to self-isolate, work safely and to provide accurate test and trace information as the financial jeopardy of doing so is substantially mitigated.

Funding will be allocated on a locality basis to our four Citizens Advice Offices that cover the following localities:

- Chesterfield
- Derbyshire Districts (Derbyshire Dales, High Peak, Amber Valley, Erewash)
- Mid Mercia (South Derbyshire)
- North East Derbyshire (Bolsover and North East Derbyshire)

This allocation will secure 7.4 additional FTE adviser capacity across the county at a cost of £223,358. This will be broken down as follows:-

Area Office	Funding in £	FTE
Chesterfield	46,905	1.5
Derbyshire Districts	84,877	2.9
Mid Mercia	44,671	1.5
North East Derbyshire	46,905	1.5
Total	223,358	7.4

Citizens Advice will monitor and evaluate the project and will sample a small number of users to understand whether the advice provided enabled them to effectively plan for and/or undertake a period of self-isolation. Learning will be shared to inform future local activity in this area.

3. Financial Considerations

For 2020-21 DCC has been allocated a total Contain funding grant of £20.182m of which £19.058 m has been rolled over to 2021-22. A further £3.958m of Contain funding has also been allocated via a grant funding arrangement from the Department of Health and Social Care for 2021-22. Expenditure associated with the delivery of the Local Outbreak Management Plan will utilise the Contain framework grant funding.

The authority is also able to claim additional funding in arrears for Community Testing.

4. Human Resources Considerations

The funding will enable local providers to deliver projects and services. Derbyshire County Council accepts no employment or future redundancy liability, with all employment and related matters to be managed by the providers.

5. Legal Considerations

On 14 January Cabinet approved the initial investment of Contain Outbreak Management Fund, and it was agreed that up to £500,000 of the initial £6.45m would be allocated towards support for those to self-isolate through expert advice and welfare support. Derbyshire has received subsequent allocations of Contain funding, but due to the election period it has not yet been agreed with elected members how the remainder of this funding is allocated, so this proposal funds part of the activity that contributes up to the cap of £500,000.

Funding to Citizens Advice will take the form of a contract variation under protocol 9 council of the financial regulations, but is also compliant with the Public contracts regs 2015 72c, which states that where all of the following conditions are fulfilled: —

- (i)the need for modification has been brought about by circumstances which a diligent contracting authority could not have foreseen.
- (ii)the modification does not alter the overall nature of the contract;
- (iii)any increase in price does not exceed 50% of the value of the original contract or framework agreement.

The contract variation will need to be agreed by the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities.

6. Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: equality of opportunity, health, environmental, transport, property and crime and disorder considerations.

7. Background Papers

USE OF THE CONTAIN OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT FUND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SELF ISOLATION SUPPORT – Public Health SMT Report: 26 April 2021

INVESTMENT OF CONTAIN OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT FUND – Cabinet: 14 January 2021

<https://democracy.derbyshire.gov.uk/documents/s5754/6b%20Investment%20of%20Contain%20Outbreak%20Management%20Fund.pdf>

8. Key Decision

Yes

9. Is it required that the Call-in period be waived in respect of the decisions being proposed within this report?

No

10. Officers Recommendation

That the Cabinet Member approves funding to Citizens Advice Derbyshire for additional surge capacity to provide specific advice, information and resources that support individuals to successfully plan for and adhere to self-isolation requirements linked to COVID-19.

**Dean Wallace
Director of Public Health**

This page is intentionally left blank

Document is Restricted

This page is intentionally left blank