

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET

19 November 2020

Report of the Director of Public Health

**Additional Investment for Public Health Nursing
(Health and Communities)**

1. Purpose of the report:

To seek cabinet approval to provide £0.500m per annum additional investment to support the public health nursing service.

2. Information and analysis:

On 26 July 2018 Cabinet approved an enterprising approach to providing key public health services for the 0-19 age group and their families, including; Public Health Nursing (Health Visiting and School Nursing) and the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP). This included the transfer of responsibility for NCMP to the Council's Live Life Better Derbyshire Service, the development of a Section 75 Agreement between the Council (Public Health and Children's Services) and DCHS NHSFT for the delivery of Public Health Nursing at a budget not to exceed £12 million per annum, and the transfer of £1 million to support Children's Centres to continue to deliver services to vulnerable families across Derbyshire.

This additional investment of £0.5m per annum is required to increase service capacity within the public health 5-19 nursing service as the capacity of this element of the service has reduced since the introduction of the section 75. As a result, this additional investment will enhance the general public health offer and allow the service to develop their role as part of an integrated approach to help achieve positive outcomes for the 5-19 age group across Derbyshire. This could include but not be limited to positive outcomes around mental health, reducing levels of obesity and supporting healthy lifestyles, by ensuring services are flexible and responsive to population need, and by expanding a partnership approach to service design and delivery. This will complement the whole system approach to commissioning and provision of services and contribute to an improvement in national indicators where Derbyshire has an identified need.

Public Health Nurses are ideally placed within the local community to identify and address local need. With their close working relationship with families and communities, they can signpost to services that empower parents to express their needs, and can provide a range of support depending on individual circumstance, such as referral onto specialist services, support to access community services,

or providing ongoing support for families with additional needs. This additional investment will enhance the opportunities available for children within Derbyshire.

The service specification for the 0-19 Public Health Nursing Service states 'DCHS shall work closely with Derbyshire County Council to develop and design a model for future service delivery that maximises the effective use of available resources, is flexible and responsive to emerging evidence and maintains a strong focus on prevention across 0-19 years'. DCC will continue to work closely with DCHSFT to enhance the service delivery model as part of this additional investment into the service, and will agree, based on local need, how this additional investment will be utilised to improve health outcomes and reduce health inequalities for children and young people across Derbyshire.

3 Social Value considerations:

The provision of the public health nursing service will support the local community, with regard to the health and wellbeing of the population and will contribute to a thriving Derbyshire by providing a service that enables residents to develop healthy behaviours.

In addition to delivery of the overall public health nursing service, DCHSFT have committed to delivering the following outcomes in Derbyshire:

- Supporting local businesses to expand,
- Developing the talents and skills of local people,
- Reducing organisations' running costs so they can target their resources where they are needed most, and,
- Investing in local businesses, and working with them to design and shape services that meet local needs

In delivering on these outcomes, DCHSFT will provide specialist coaching and training for community and voluntary organisations within Derbyshire and will offer facilities for use by community and voluntary organisations who are delivering services that support the wider determinants of health locally.

4. Legal Considerations:

Both Procurement and Legal Services have been consulted as part of the business case approval which is required as part of Protocol 9 of the Council's Financial Regulations to make the additional payments to support the Public Health Nursing service. Business case approval is attached with this report.

5. Financial Considerations:

The Section 75 Agreement between the Council (Public Health and Children's Services) and DCHS NHSFT for the delivery of Public Health Nursing was originally set at a budget not to exceed £12 million per annum.

The additional investment of £0.500m per annum can be met by the public health grant.

5. Other considerations:

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

6. Background papers:

10 October 2019, Cabinet Report, Achieving Public Health 0-19 Outcomes – Section 75 Agreement between Derbyshire County Council and Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS Foundation Trust

28 February 2019, Cabinet Report, Public Health Nursing and Achieving Population Health and Wellbeing Outcomes in 0-19 Year Olds across Derbyshire through the Development of a Section 75 Agreement

26 July 2018, Cabinet Report, New Approach to Public Health Nursing and Achieving Population Health and Wellbeing Outcomes in 0-19 Year Olds across Derbyshire.

7. Key Decision:

Yes

8. Call-in:

Is it required that call-in be waived for any decision on this report?

No

9. Officer's Recommendation:

That cabinet grant approval to increase the investment into the public health nursing service as outlined in this report.

**Dean Wallace
Director of Public Health**