

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES**

**25 March 2021**

**Report of the Director of Public Health**

**MENTAL HEALTH AND EMOTIONAL WELLBEING OF CHILDREN AND  
YOUNG PEOPLE: A LOCALITY APPROACH**

**1. Purpose of the Report:**

To seek approval from the Cabinet Member Health and Communities for the allocation of £0.100m funding to each of the eight Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Partnerships, to enable delivery of an approach to support the emotional wellbeing of children and young people, over a two year period from 1 April 2021.

**2. Information and Analysis:**

In December 2020, the Public Health Investment Panel received and supported an application for investment into the emotional wellbeing of children and young people through a locality approach. This proposed funding will help to address the increasing rates of mental disorder in England. In 2020, one in six (16.0%) children aged 5 to 16 years were identified as having a probable mental disorder, increasing from one in nine (10.8%) in 2017. Due to the lack of lower level, early intervention and preventative opportunities, mental health services can become overwhelmed, the symptoms of young people often worsen and can become more chronic or embedded.

The grants proposed in this report will support Health and Wellbeing Partnerships across Derbyshire to co-ordinate a preventative approach that enables the expansion of mental health awareness, promotion of protective factors, early identification, early intervention and support for the emotional wellbeing of children and young people through a community-based approach. The approach will build on from foundational work in localities that has developed over the last few years, including training, partnership engagement, pathway development and consultation.

The Public Health Localities and Place-based approach delivers a broad range of locally-developed projects and programmes, which are monitored and reported annually. These are currently agreed through the Health and Wellbeing Partnerships. There are eight Health and Wellbeing Partnerships across Derbyshire, arranged on a district/borough footprint. Each Health and Wellbeing Partnership works to improve the health of local communities, through promoting

health-related behaviours, and addressing the wider determinants of health, such as housing, employment and skills, and financial inclusion. Membership of the partnerships reflects local variation, but core membership includes elected members from County, District, Parish and Town councils, representatives from Adult Care and Children’s Services, district and borough council staff, NHS commissioners and providers, Police, Fire and Rescue, voluntary sector organisations and representatives from local communities

Building on local assets and intelligence, this report proposes that £0.100m is allocated to each of the eight Locality Health and Wellbeing Partnership to support and drive work over a 24 month period to deliver against a Young Peoples Emotional Health and Wellbeing Framework, by developing bespoke action plans to address emotional wellbeing within communities.

Each local programme will be based on the *Thrive* model principles (<https://www.annafreud.org/mental-health-professionals/thrive-framework/>), focussing on the delivery of prevention and promotion strategies in a whole-system partnership approach. It will enable primary prevention, both universal and targeted; it will maximise secondary prevention with early identification and early intervention; and is ultimately aimed at helping to stem the flow of young people requiring mental health services or treatment. Work will be supported strategically by the Public Health Lead for Mental Health.

The project will be evaluated internally with support from a Specialist Public Health Registrar, utilising an outcomes-based accountability approach. It is anticipated that the project will contribute towards several public health indicators including self-reported wellbeing, emergency hospital admissions for intentional self-harm and children reporting that they have a trusted adult.

### 3. Financial considerations:

This report seeks approval to allocate £0.100m funding to each of the eight Locality Health and Wellbeing Partnership as outlined below, totaling £0.800m, over a 2-year period from 1 April 2021.

Funding will be met from the Public Health reserve budget, and will be awarded to Health and Wellbeing Partnerships in line with current locality arrangements. See background reports for further information.

Locality	Amount over 2 years	Health and Wellbeing Partnership Budget holder
Amber Valley	£100,000	Amber Valley Borough Council
Bolsover	£100,000	Bolsover District Council
Chesterfield	£100,000	Chesterfield Borough Council
Derbyshire Dales	£100,000	Derbyshire Dales CVS
Erewash	£100,000	Derbyshire County Council

High Peak	£100,000	High Peak Borough Council
North East Derbyshire	£100,000	North East Derbyshire District Council
South Derbyshire	£100,000	South Derbyshire District Council

#### **4. Legal considerations:**

The Council's Financial Regulations allow grants of up to £0.100m to organisations to be approved by Cabinet Members. 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.

#### **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:**

- Public Health Investment Panel Jan 2021 (held on file by Public Health)
- Public Health Investment Fund MH YP Emotional Wellbeing 1 Locality Approach Dec 2020 (held on file by Public Health)
- [Public Health Locality Programme Investment, Cabinet Report March 2020](#)

#### **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:**

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