

Bolsover District Council

Meeting of the Executive on 4th December 2023

Emotional Health and Well-Being for Children and Young People

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Partnerships, Health & Wellbeing

Classification	This report is public
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PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT

- To seek Executive approval to receive £100,000 from Derbyshire County Council (DCC) Public Health, to be used to commission services for Young People Social Prescribing.
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REPORT DETAILS

1. Background

- 1.1 DCC Public Health has ringfenced £100,000 for activities to boost general well-being of young people in Bolsover District aged 14 to 18, and those aged 19-25 if they have additional needs.
- 1.2 The funding will be allocated to Bolsover District Council, as the accountable body for Bolsover Partnership, via a grant agreement.
- 1.3 The funding will cover a two-year period and members of the Partnership Team are working closely with the Public Health Locality Lead for Bolsover to design a tender specification to commission social prescribing activity that boosts general well-being, using a non-clinical approach. The aim of the project is to improve outcomes for young people by giving more choice and control over their lives and an improved sense of belonging where young people are involved in local community groups / activities.
- 1.4 It is envisaged that a paid Link Worker/Social Prescriber will work with a variety of young people but will target:
- Those with complex needs;
 - Young people on the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) waiting list;
 - Those not in employment, education, or training;
 - Those who are lonely and isolated;
 - Those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

2. Details of Proposal or Information

- 2.1 The report is seeking approval from Executive to enter into a grant agreement with DCC to receive this allocation of funding, and to work with the Public Health Locality Lead to commission services in line with the grant agreement via an open procurement process.
- 2.2 Updates on commissioned activity will be provided within the Bolsover Partnership's Annual Report; and activity will be monitored on a quarterly basis to ensure that project aims and objectives are being met.

3. Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 This funding will be used directly to improve the emotional well-being of children and young people. This comes at a time when schools are reporting much higher social, emotional, and mental health (SEMH) needs and special education needs (SEN).

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 An alternative option would be for the grant to be awarded to another organisation. This has been rejected as DCC have awarded this funding directly to Bolsover Partnership to ensure that local activity commissioned meets local needs of young people.
- 4.2 Do nothing – this is not considered to be an option as it would mean that Bolsover young people would not be able to benefit from commissioned activity.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

To enter into a grant agreement with DCC Public Health to receive an allocation of £100,000 funding for a two-year period aimed at improving the emotional well-being of young people in the district through a model of social prescribing.

Approved by Councillor Mary Dooley Portfolio Holder for Partnerships, Health & Wellbeing

IMPLICATIONS:

Finance and Risk: Yes No

Details: The Council will be awarded £100,000 once the grant agreement has been signed by both parties. A dedicated cost code will be utilised for the funding so that monies received, and monies spent can be easily monitored. The funding will cover a two-year period.

On behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes No

Details: Bolsover District Council is the accountable body for Bolsover Partnership and is therefore required to enter into a grant agreement with DCC for the funding to be received. Data protection requirements are included within the grant agreement.

On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Environment: Yes No

Please identify (if applicable) how this proposal/report will help the Authority meet its carbon neutral target or enhance the environment.

Details: Not applicable

Staffing: Yes No

Details: Officers within the Partnership Team will work with the DCC Public Health Lead to commission the activity and will be involved in the ongoing monitoring of performance. There are not, however, any additional staffing costs as a result of the recommendation.

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards, or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds: Revenue - £75,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capital - £150,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i>	Yes
Is the decision subject to Call-In? <i>(Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</i>	Yes

District Wards Significantly Affected	All Wards
Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Executive <input type="checkbox"/> SLT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Details: Leader, Director Executive, Corporate Services and Partnerships

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Actively engaging with partners to benefit our customers.
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- Promoting equality and diversity and supporting vulnerable and disadvantaged people

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- Improving health, wellbeing and increasing participation in sport and leisure activities
- Working with partners to support enterprise, innovation, jobs, and skills
- Working with partners to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour
- Actively engaging with partners to benefit our communities

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title

Background Papers

(These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Executive, you must provide copies of the background papers).

None