



UPDATE ON PUBLIC HEALTH GRANT ALLOCATIONS FOR 2023/24 FOR SHEFFIELD

SHEFFIELD HEALTH AND CARE PARTNERSHIP BOARD

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Purpose of Paper	
To provide an update on Public Health Grant allocations 2023/24 for Sheffield and inform the Health and Care Partnership about the Public Health Grant review being undertaken by Sheffield City Council.	
Key Issues	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) have stated that in 2023/24, all local authorities will receive a cash terms increase of 3.3%, while indicative 2024/25 allocations suggest a 1.3% cash terms increase for all councils; It is recognised this is not in keeping with inflation pressures; The Public Health Grant will continue to be subject to conditions, including a ring-fence requiring local authorities to use the grant exclusively for public health activity; In order to confirm that Sheffield allocates our Public Health grant exclusively for Public Health Activity a review of the Public Health grant allocation in 2022/23 is underway. 	
Is your report for Approval/Consideration/Noting	
Sheffield Health and Care Partnership Board is asked to note the current Public Health grant allocation position and for partners when/if requested to support the local Public Health grant review process.	
Recommendations/Action Required by the Sheffield Health and Care Partnership Board	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the 2023/24 ring fenced Public Health Grant allocation for Sheffield; To support the local Public Health grant review process; For those services and providers commissioned by the Public Health Grant to understand the challenge in relation to the 2023/24 grant allocation funding pay awards/inflation increases. A Sheffield City Council corporate position on the 2023/24 Public Health Grant allocation will be provided soon. 	
What assurance does this report provide to the Sheffield Health and Care Partnership Board in relations to the ambitions of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2019-2024	
	Please ✓
Every child achieves a level of development in their early year for the best start in life	✓
Every child is included in their education and can access their local school	✓
Every child and young person has a successful transition to independence	✓



Everyone has access to a home that supports their health	✓
Everyone has a fulfilling occupation and the resources to support their needs	✓
Everyone can safely walk or cycle in their local area regardless of age or ability	✓
Everyone has equitable access to care and support shaped around them	✓
Everyone has the level of meaningful social contact that they want	✓
Everyone lives the end of their life with dignity in the place of their choice	✓
Are there any Resource Implications (including Financial, Staffing etc)?	
General update on the public health grant allocations for Sheffield.	
Have you carried out an Equality Impact Assessment and is it attached?	
EIAs will be completed for any future changes implemented as a result of Public Health Grant review process.	
Have you involved patients, carers and the public in the preparation of the report?	
N/A	





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1. This briefing provides an update to the Sheffield Health and Care Partnership members on the 2023/24 Public Health Grant allocation to Sheffield Local Authority. It also explains the Public Health grant review process which is being undertaken by Sheffield City Council to confirm appropriate allocation and use of the ring-fenced grant to meet Public Health outcomes.
2. **2023/24 Public Health Grant to Local Authorities**

The Department of Health & Social Care (DHSC) confirmed 2023/24 Public Health Grant allocations to Local Authorities on 14 March 2023.

The announcement of grant allocations to local authorities so close to the start of the new financial year means that briefings for City Council elected members are currently being scheduled.

The headline detail from the Public Health budget allocations for 2023/24 include:

- The Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) have stated that in 2023/24, all local authorities will receive a cash terms increase of 3.3%, while indicative 2024/25 allocations suggest a 1.3% cash terms increase for all councils.
- DHSC states that this is a real terms protection of council public health funding.
- These allocations include baselining of local government funding of £1.4 million a year (national) for their enforcement duties under the Botulinum Toxin and Fillers (Children) Act 2021 - this is worth 0.04% of all authorities' 2023/24 allocations.
- Excluding this funding, using the Government's own terms, the 'core public health grant' increases are actually 3.2% and 1.3% for 2023/24 and 2024/25, respectively.
- The ring-fenced grant allocation for Sheffield in 2023/24 is £36,381,431 – further detail can be found at:
[Public health grants to local authorities: 2023 to 2024 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/public-health-grants-to-local-authorities-2023-to-2024)
- The expectation of DHSC is that Public Health Grant will need to cover all pay pressures for 2023/24, including the impact of NHS pay settlements. Ongoing funding for this pressure will be managed through local authority commissioning streams. This means that where Public Health Grant is used to commission NHS providers Sheffield City Council is required to consider the financial implications and agree a corporate position with commissioned providers across all sectors.





3. Analysis of the uplift

The Association of Directors of Public Health has provided the statement [Grant allocation, “far too little, far too late” | ADPH](#). It is also acknowledged that the Gross Domestic Product deflator measure of inflation used by Treasury often understates costs and inflation to real-world public services. Therefore, the claim to a 5% real terms increase in grant allocation over two years does not translate to a real terms increase.

4. Review of Public Health Grant allocation 2022/23

The Public Health Grant will continue to be subject to conditions, including a ring-fence requiring local authorities to use the grant exclusively for public health activity. Sheffield City Council is currently undertaking a review of the allocation of Public Health grant for financial year 2022/23. This review is to clarify where Public Health Grant is allocated and what it is being spent on.

The first phase of the review has been completed and has focused on identification of the services or spending which comply with the mandated/prescribed requirements of the grant (eg; Sexual Health Services, 0-19 Healthy Child Programme, Substance Misuse).

The second phase of the review involves obtaining further information from a number of Business Units/Contracts/commissioned services where Public Health Grant is allocated to better understand how this impacts on Public Health activity and outcomes. Health and Care Partnership members may in the future be requested to support the review process in providing information on service delivery, outcomes, and impact in order to enable the completion of a comprehensive review of PH grant funding across the city. This is necessary to ensure that the grant is spent for its intended purpose.

5. Communication to organisations funded by PH grant for 2023/24

Given the late confirmation of Public Grant allocations for 2023/24 and the current Public Health Grant review process no formal communications have gone out to providers for 2023/24. The second phase of the review process will be completed and Elected Members will be briefed so as to confirm our position for 2023/24. This will not happen until after the local election.

6. Wider investment to improve Public Health

DHSC has confirmed that over the next two years nationally a wider package of investment to improve the public’s health to include:

- £516m for drug and alcohol treatment, allocated to all unitary and upper-tier local authorities across England to support improvements in the quality and capacity of drug





and alcohol treatment and recovery services. This funding must be additional to existing public health grant allocated for drug and alcohol treatment services meaning that in effect this funding is ring fenced twice;

- £170m to support additional Start for Life services. The majority of this funding will be allocated to 75 local authorities with high levels of deprivation in England to fund an enhanced Start for Life offer for local families, including infant feeding and perinatal mental health services, supporting families to care for their babies during the critical 1,001 days. Sheffield City Council has been successful in trailblazer status for the national Start for Life programme and is working with our NHS partners and the VCF sector to mobilise our delivery plan. The Start for Life programme links with other elements of our Public Health Grant spending in early intervention and early years and is likely to make up for previous cuts in Public Health grant in past years.

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