

Agenda Item no: 4

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET MEMBER

18 January 2018

DERVENTIO HOUSING TRUST – HEALTH FUTURES SERVICE

Report of the Strategic Director for Adult Care

1. Purpose of the Report

To seek Cabinet Member approval for the award of a grant of £20,000 to Derventio Housing Trust to enable them to provide their Healthy Futures service for homeless people who disproportionately access local Health services.

2. Information and Analysis

Healthy Futures is an initiative managed by Derventio Housing Trust to act as a bridge between hospital and home for people who have multiple and complex needs cross cutting homelessness, mental health and drug and alcohol issues and are, therefore, homeless in hospital and/or disproportionately use acute services such as 999 ambulance and Emergency Departments.

The service aims to reduce repeat hospital admissions and support people to find appropriate accommodation when they are discharged from hospital. It helps to coordinate services so that people who are homeless and have multiple health problems can leave hospital as soon as possible. It also shows people how to use health services effectively.

The service ensures that there is improved coordination of local support services, NHS treatment services, housing and support, which reduces chaotic and inappropriate use of health services.

There is currently a shortfall in funding of £20,000 for this service to continue to provide this valuable project to minimise the inappropriate use of NHS resources. It is therefore proposed to make a one-off grant of £20,000 from the 'improved Better Care Fund' (iBCF) which has specific requirements including "reducing pressures on the NHS, including supporting people to be discharged from hospital when they are ready". It is unlikely that some homeless people would be discharged in a timely manner without this service.

3. Financial Considerations

The proposed grant of £20,000 can be met from the iBCF Adult Care budget allocation for 2017-18.

4. Legal Considerations

The Council's standard grant agreement shall be used to set out the terms and conditions for which the grant is 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. Social Value Considerations

The service provided by Derventio detailed in this paper contributes towards promoting social value for homeless people with chaotic lifestyles who live in Derbyshire. These service compliment current health and social care services ensuring that vulnerable people are able to access appropriate and timely support thus promoting their independence, reducing social isolation and maintaining their wellbeing.

6. Other Considerations

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

7. Key Decision

No

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

No

9. Officer's Recommendation

That Cabinet Member approves the award of a grant of £20,000 to Derventio Housing Trust to enable them to provide their Healthy Futures service for homeless people who disproportionately access local Health services.

Joy Hollister
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