

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING WITH CABINET MEMBER, HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES

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Report of the Director of Public Health

DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT RECOVERY SERVICES

1. Purpose of the report:

To approve grants to organisations providing drug and alcohol recovery services.

2. Information and analysis:

The County Council has allocated £200,000 from within the Substance Misuse budget to provide grants to organisations which provide supportive recovery services to Derbyshire people who are in drug and alcohol treatment or discharged from services and in recovery.

The organisations currently supported with grants are:

- Nite Lite : based in the Christian Centre Shirebrook, Bolsover DC
- Rhubarb Farm : based in Langwith, Bolsover DC
- RIOT: based in Staffordshire but providing a Derbyshire-wide service
- Hope Springs Recovery Centre : based in Chesterfield
- Action Housing ('Action'): based in Derby but providing a service in north Derbyshire (Chesterfield BC and High Peak BC)

These recovery services have developed piecemeal over the last 5 years and although a consultation with service users, conducted in June 2015, indicated that the services are generally well received by their own clients, it was evident that now was the right time for recovery services to be reviewed and refreshed given the cluster of services in the north of the county, insufficient coverage elsewhere and limited service type.

The aim of the grant process is to improve arrangements to meet the diverse needs of Derbyshire service users and ensure that recovery services are provided equitably across the county into more rural locations and to meet wider needs.

Consequently, small, local organisations were invited to complete an on-line application form (with a supportive guidance document) which

identified the need for the provision of at least one 'recovery element' in order to achieve the specific health outcome: *an improvement in the physical and emotional health of the beneficiaries of the service and a, self-reported, personal sense of positive well-being.*

The recovery elements were based on research evidence and provide effective foundations for service users to build recovery from dependence and misuse. The recovery elements were specified as:

- education, training and employment (including volunteering)
- accommodation and independent living
- support networks, families, friends and kinship relationships
- financial capability and inclusion
- leisure activities (including sports, physical activities and hobbies)
- maintaining abstinence and/or controlled behaviour
- self-actualisation or positive thinking and effective decision making

Arrangements to prepare the market were conducted with current grant funded recovery organisations and new organisations were identified through contact with drug and alcohol key workers in each location and Public Health locality workers. An internet search was conducted to supplement the list and organisations which might be prepared to bid were alerted to the application form and offered advice to assist with completion, on request.

The application specified a cap on the income of the organisations eligible to apply (£750,000) and offered a maximum of £40,000 to each organisation. Applications were welcomed which demonstrated partnerships and collaborative working and a focus on the five ways to well-being: being connected, being active, taking notice, learning and giving.

Organisations were required to acknowledge diversity and suggest ways to encourage equality of access, opportunity and outcomes in specific localities or across the whole of Derbyshire. It was anticipated that bids would provide evidence of the identified gaps in service delivery and provide ways to fill them with suitable activities. Applicants were, further, asked to provide innovation in the bids and indicate service user involvement which gave added value to the client's experience.

In total, 12 applications were submitted within the deadline and considered by an Evaluation Team (comprising the Senior Commissioning Manager, a Commissioning Manager, the Service User Engagement Officer and an independent service user) which provided

an impartial valuation of the submissions. An agreed, objective scoring template was applied to each bid.

Six organisations (table below) met the scoring criteria and there was negotiation with some organisations to revise their bids to reduce aspects of the proposed service and the final value. Each of the organisations involved in this process have all accepted the final values as presented in this report.

As a consequence, approval is sought to provide grants to the following organisations which will deliver a broader spread of recovery services across Derbyshire, reaching into some of the more rural communities, and more effective outcomes across a wider range of recovery elements.

	Name	Location	Recovery element(s)	Proposed Grant
1.	'NiteLite' Christian Centre	Shirebrook (Bolsover DC)	Education/training Independent living Decision making Support networks Financial capability	£39,500
2.	Rhubarb Farm	Langwith (Bolsover DC)	Employment Education/Training Support networks Financial capability	£39,911
3.	'A-Spire Right' Chesterfield FC Community Trust	Chesterfield (CBC and NEDDC)	Leisure, Sports and physical activities Support networks	£39,960
4.	'RISE' High Peak Foodbank	Buxton (High Peak BC)	Employment/training Support networks Financial capability Accommodation	£19,800
5.	'Life Force' Beardwood Natural Living project	Furness Vale (High Peak BC)	Support networks Friendships/relationships Self-actualisation	£33,200
6.	'Horti-Culture', Wash Arts	Ilkeston (Erewash BC)	Leisure activities Support networks	£32,898
			TOTAL	£205,269

In addition, a significant value achieved by this process has been an increased awareness of those organisations available to deliver recovery services across Derbyshire which were previously unknown. It is now apparent that the services provided by the six organisations (table above) would be complemented by two more organisations whose bids just failed to attain sufficient scores - Hope Springs Recovery Centre (Chesterfield) and Beckside Care Farm (Ashbourne, Derbyshire Dales).

The Evaluation Panel takes the view that both organisations could be further developed to provide successful recovery services, given advice and support from the Substance Misuse Commissioning Team and possibly access to s256 funding.

3. Financial considerations:

If all the proposed grants are approved, the cost will total £205,269 which is slightly above the allocation of £200,000. However, this can be met from within the overall substance misuse budget for 2015-16.

4. Other considerations:

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

5. Background papers:

N/A

6. Key Decision:

No

7. Call-in:

Is it required that call-in be waived for any decision on this report? No

8. Officer's recommendation:

That the grants set-out in the report be agreed to a total value of £205,269 which will support the development of recovery communities in Derbyshire.

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