

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING WITH CABINET MEMBER, HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES

10 February 2015

Report of the Director of Public Health

**NHS HEALTH CHECK PROGRAMME:-
BOLSOVER COMMUNITY AND WORKPLACE PILOT**

1. Purpose of Report:

To seek approval to provide funding to ensure Bolsover Council NHS Health Check Community and Workplace pilot links with DCC's statutory responsibility for the County wide NHS Health Check programme.

2. Information and analysis:

The NHS Health Check programme, Bolsover Community and Workplace Pilot aims to provide new local access. The programme is a national primary prevention cardiovascular risk assessment programme that is targeted at people who do not have an existing cardiovascular disease and who are aged 40-74. Cardiovascular diseases (e.g. heart attack, stroke) are important causes of premature mortality and morbidity and significantly contribute to inequalities in health.

Cardiovascular diseases are preventable in terms of the risk factors that influence them. The risk factors include age, gender (increased risk in males), smoking, overweight/obesity, physical inactivity, raised cholesterol, high blood pressure, diabetes and kidney disease.

In supporting papers:

- NHS Health Check programme (Health and Communities) 04 November 2014
- Hardwick paper to Cabinet Ministers October 2013

A collaborative approach is being taken between Bolsover District Council (BDC), North East Derbyshire Council (NEDC), Hardwick and North Derbyshire CCG and their partners. The aim is to fill gaps and improve equity and access for 500 additional checks.

Although, GP practices are working hard to deliver the programme we see ways of improving access for individuals in areas of greatest need. By developing access closer to home the project will deliver:

- Access in: village halls, other social venues and or workplace
- Access outside of GP surgery opening times
- Access for residents who are less likely to engage with general practice
- The ability to change location
- Access to quality led programme so residents will have access to the same standards of care as within GP surgeries
- Competency led training for staff in risk assessment, Point of Care Testing and Motivational Interviewing
- Monitoring and evaluation through DCC Health Check programme

Performance

The County Council aims to deliver the NHS Health Check uptake rate of >66%, 31,624 checks per annum. The number of individuals likely to decline their letter of invite is around 50%. Making the Health Check more readily available will increase the number of checks delivered.

3. Financial Considerations:

The pilot project is being provided by Derbyshire Community Health Services (DCHS) and is currently jointly funded by Bolsover Partnership and Locality funding, £15,850; and DCC £9,000 per annum.

The funding will be drawn from the Public Health Ring Fenced Grant budget for Health Checks of £725,000.

DCC funding enables Bolsover Council, NHS Health Check Community and Workplace Pilot to synchronise with the GP practices and provide the national standard for an NHS Health Check.

4. Legal Considerations:

Regulation 4 of the Local Authorities (Public Health Functions and Entry to Premises by Local Healthwatch Representatives) Regulations 2013 require local authorities to provide, or secure the provision of, Health Checks for all eligible people in their area aged between 40 and 74.

5. Other Considerations:

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

6. Call-in:

Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No

7. Officer's Recommendation:

That the Cabinet Member, Health and Communities approve the £9,000 from the Ring Fenced Grant budget for Health Checks to support development of community and workplace NHS Health Checks in the Bolsover district.

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