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Agenda Item 3b

## **DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

### **MEETING WITH CABINET MEMBER, HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES**

**11 April 2019**

#### **Report of the Director of Public Health**

### **REDUCING THE HARM OF SUBSTANCE MISUSE IN DERBYSHIRE**

#### **1. Purpose of the report:**

To seek Cabinet Member approval for the award of Recovery Month grants to a total value of £686.

#### **2. Information and analysis:**

Recovery Month takes place in September each year and is a national event. It has been celebrated in Derbyshire for the past four years and is an opportunity to showcase recovery from substance misuse, to reduce stigma and to highlight that recovery is achievable. Local activities have previously concentrated on large scale events which take considerable resources to organise and have tended to locate in Chesterfield as our largest town. Due to this, a number of smaller but active recovery organisations from other parts of the County have struggled to take part in a meaningful way, and Recovery Month in Derbyshire was starting lose momentum. On 13 November 2018 the Strategic Director for Adult Care approved the allocation of £20,000 over a three year period to encourage individuals, treatment services and recovery organisations to undertake their own projects, events and activities in their own localities. This approach is more inclusive of our geographically diverse county, and has revitalised the efforts of both local and countywide organisations and their service users. An annual showcase event, where achievements around recovery are recognised, has been planned for later in 2019.

This new approach has been welcomed by local organisations, and has generated a renewed energy and enthusiasm for collaborative working around recovery. In order to ensure that finance was not a barrier to delivering innovative and local recovery events, or engaging with larger organised recovery events, small grants have been offered to local organisations who support people in recovery.

Applications have been received at this initial stage for a Recovery Football Festival organised by Chesterfield Football Club Community Trust to take place in May 2019 (due to pitch availability). Bids were welcomed for small amounts to

cover costs of delivering the event. Two applications were submitted for this first round and considered by an evaluation team comprising the Public Health Lead and the Health Improvement Practitioner for substance misuse using a pre-determined, objective scoring template. Both organisations successfully scored against the scoring criteria.

It is therefore proposed to provide grants to the following organisations to enable them to engage in the recovery football festival:

	Name	Location	Event	Service Provided (including numbers)	Cost
1.	Chesterfield Football Club Community Trust	Proact Stadium, Chesterfield	Football Festival May 2019	A recovery football festival for up to 70 people – equipment, refreshments and referees	£400
2.	Stand To (veterans project)	Proact Stadium, Chesterfield (and three other locations across the county)	Football Festival May 2019 (and 3 additional events in September)	A “mocktails” stand to engage people to discuss reducing their alcohol consumption, and non-alcoholic alternatives.	£286

Both organisations currently deliver projects with people in recovery in Derbyshire.

### 3 Social Value considerations:

Social value benefits of recovery are highlighted by the ‘Life in Recovery’ Study (September, 2015) by Professor David Best from Sheffield Hallam University. This study showed that people moving into recovery were more likely to be in education or employment, to volunteer, eat healthily and take regular exercise.

### 4. Financial considerations:

The total amount allocated to develop Recovery Month activity in Derbyshire is £20,000 over three years. This was approved to be funded from underspends generated by the demand-led elements of the substance misuse budget which is met through the Public Health Grant.

### 5. Legal/ HR considerations:

The Council is permitted to make such payments under the general power of competence set out in the Localism Act 2011. A grant agreement shall be used to set out the terms and conditions for which the grant is made. The recipient of the grant is not contractually obliged to deliver the service, although the Council

would seek to claw-back the grant in appropriate circumstances were there to be significant non-performance of any grant conditions. The grant agreement will also provide that the Council is not liable for any employment liabilities.

**6. Other considerations:**

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

**7. Background papers:**

Adult Care Senior Management Team paper 13 November 2018  
"Reducing the harm of substance misuse in Derbyshire"

**8. Key Decision:**

No

**9. Call-in:**

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

**10. Officer's Recommendation:**

That the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities approves the award of two grants as detailed in the report to support Recovery Month 2019 in Derbyshire.

**Dean Wallace**  
**Director of Public Health**