

Derbyshire County Council

CABINET

25 March 2014

Report of the Director of Public Health

**COMMISSIONING ACADEMIC SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH TRAINING
(Health & Communities)**

1. Purpose of the Report

To seek approval from the Cabinet to transfer funding, on a recurrent basis, from Derbyshire County Council to Health Education England from 1st April 2014, for public health academic support.

2. Information and Analysis

For a number of years recurrent funding has been provided for universities in England to develop and maintain capacity in public health. The specific aim of the funding has been to provide academic support to the regional public health training scheme. The budget was managed by the Trent Postgraduate Deanery until 2000, and subsequently transferred to Derbyshire PCT.

This funding (£90K) was transferred on the 1st April 2013 from Derbyshire PCT to Derbyshire County Council. However it has been established that the financial transfer to Derbyshire County Council was the result of an error at national level, which will be put right for future years, as it has now been accepted nationally that commissioning responsibility actually lies with Health Education England (HEE), which was established on 1 April 2013. Is it therefore proposed that this funding should rightfully be transferred back to HEE's local provider the Public Health School Board of the East Midlands Local Education and Training Board (LETB) from 1st April 2014.

The current contracting arrangements, for historic reasons, are through a public health service level agreement between the Sheffield University School of Health and Related Research (ScHARR), the County Council and the LETB.

3. Financial Considerations

The annual contract value is £90,000.

4. Legal Considerations

The Director of Legal Services has advised on the current SLA previously and will ensure that the Council's obligations are suitably transferred.

5. Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors have been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equity and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations. There are no HR implications.

6. Key Decision

No

7. Call-in

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

8. Background Papers

Cabinet report dated 10th September 2013, 'Update on procurement of public health programmes'.

9. Officer's Recommendation

That approval is given to transfer funding, and the SLA, for public health academic support to HEE's East Midlands Local Education Training Board from 1st April 2014 on a recurrent basis as part of a central transfer of grant subject to the County Council continuing to receive the funding within the Public Health Grant.

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