

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION TAKEN BY AN EXECUTIVE MEMBER

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1. Description of decision

To approve acceptance of Bedford Borough Council's Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes (BLMK) Transformation Fund 2017/18 allocation of £60,115; subsequent allocation(s) for 2018/19 and 2019/20 to be confirmed.

2. Date of decision

29th January 2018

3. Reasons for decision

It has been estimated that around 20% of patients consult their GP for what is primarily a social problem. Social prescribing enables GPs and other frontline health and social care professionals to refer patients with social, emotional or practical needs to a community link worker who can support them to find non-clinical solutions that will improve their health and wellbeing.

The acceptance of the 2017/18 funding will ensure the Bedford Borough Social Prescribing Service development phase is achieved by the end of March 2018 and allow the model to be operational by April 2018.

4. Alternatives considered and rejected

Not to support the receipt of the fund allocation – this would significantly delay, potentially prevent, the development and implementation of a local social prescribing service.

5. How decision is to be funded

Receipt of Bedford Borough Council's BLMK Transformation Fund allocation.

6. Conflicts of interest

Name of all Executive members who were consulted AND declared a conflict of interest.	Nature of interest	Did Standards Committee give a dispensation for that conflict of interest? (If yes, give details and date of dispensation)	Did the Chief Executive give a dispensation for that conflict of interest? (If yes, give details and the date of the dispensation).

The Mayor has been consulted on this decision

N/A

Signed D. Hodgson

Date 29/1/2018

Name of Decision Taker MAYOR DAVE HODGSON

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Date decision published: 30th January 2018

Date decision can be implemented if not called in: 8th February 2018

(Decision to be made exempt from call in.....~~YES~~ or NO.....)

SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO RECEIVE TRANSFORMATION FUND ALLOCATION FOR SOCIAL PRESCRIBING SERVICE

1. Executive Summary

This report is requesting Mayoral approval to accept receipt of Bedfordshire Luton and Milton Keynes (BLMK) Transformation Fund allocation(s) which will be used to develop and implement a Bedford Borough Social Prescribing Service.

2. Recommendations

The Mayor is requested to consider the report and, if satisfied, approve acceptance of Bedford Borough Council's BLMK Transformation Fund 2017/18 allocation of £60,115; subsequent allocation(s) to be confirmed.

3. Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 An estimated 20% of patients consult their GP for what is primarily a social problem. Social prescribing enables GPs and other frontline health and social care professionals to refer patients with social, emotional or practical needs, to a community link worker who can support them to find non-clinical solutions that will improve their health and wellbeing.
- 3.2 The acceptance of the 2017/18 funding will ensure the Bedford Borough Social Prescribing Service development phase is achieved by the end of March 2018 and allow the model to be operational by April 2018.
- 3.3 The acceptance of further allocations (to be determined) will ensure the continued evolution and expansion of the Bedford Borough Social Prescribing Service.

4. Key Implications

a) Legal Issues

The total STP allocation for social prescribing has been received by Milton Keynes CCG on behalf of the BLMK Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP) for allocation to partner organisations based on the bids agreed at the BLMK Chief Executives meeting on 12th October 2017.

b) Policy Issues

The Council's policy on receiving funds requires an Executive Decision. The funding will be used to develop a local social prescribing service in line with the ambitions set out in the BLMK STP Submission, 21st October 2016¹.

c) Resource Implications

The funding of £60,115, if accepted, will be used to develop and implement the Bedford Borough Social Prescribing Service. MKCCG will transfer the funding allocation to Bedford Borough Council upon receipt of an invoice. This will be deemed to be a 'pass-through' transaction with MKCCG effectively providing banking and monitoring services to the STP. Bedford Borough Council will abide by its own financial governance arrangements when committing to spend in the deliverance of the Social Prescribing Service. There are no additional resource implications for the Council.

d) Risk Implications

The risk of this not being approved is that it will significantly delay, and potentially prevent, the development and implementation of a Bedford Borough Social Prescribing Service which will improve residents' health and wellbeing and help reduce demand on health and social care services.

In order to ensure sustainability, the social prescribing model involves working closely with a wide range of statutory and third sector partners, many of which the Council has established working relationships with, plus the development of robust referral pathways to existing health and wellbeing services, programmes and activities. The majority of the activities are delivered by the voluntary sector. Therefore the risk to the Council if additional allocations are not received (this is not anticipated) is minimal as the work undertaken will continue to enhance existing programmes of work; for example the Community Care Coordinators, Village Agents, Primary Care Link Workers and Active Signposting, with no additional funding.

e) Environmental Implications

There are no environmental implications.

¹ <http://www.blmkstp.co.uk/publication/full-technical-submission/>

f) Equalities Impact

In preparing this report, due consideration has been given to the Borough Council's statutory Equality Duty to eliminate unlawful discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations, as set out in Section 149(1) of the Equality Act 2010. It was determined that the proposed Social Prescribing Service has no negative effect on equalities issues in Bedford Borough.

5. Details

Social Prescribing enables GPs and other frontline health and social care professionals to refer patients with social, emotional or practical needs to a community link worker who can support them to find non-clinical solutions that will improve their health and wellbeing.

The service has been identified as a contributor to achieving the STP 'triple aim' in the *NHS Five Year Forward View* (NHSE 2014) and the *General Practice Forward View* (NHSE 2016). It is highlighted by NHS England as one of ten 'high impact actions' to increase 'time to care' in primary care and will effectively contribute to the following goals of the STP:

- Contribute to the delivery of prevention objectives, in particular improving lifestyle behaviours, promoting mental health and wellbeing, empowering communities and increasing self-care.
- Complement the developing vision for primary care at scale, with multi-disciplinary teams operating from hubs or clusters serving populations of 30,000 to 50,000.
- Is within scope of the planned 'shared care' record.

It has been estimated that around 20% of patients consult their GP for what is primarily a social problem and social prescribing is a cost-effective way of relieving pressure on GPs and other health and care professionals, building community capacity and delivering social, emotional and health benefits to patients. It provides an opportunity to implement a sustained structural change to how a person moves between professional sectors and into their community.

There is growing evidence on the return on investment and outcomes from evaluated social prescribing programmes including reduced primary and secondary care use, improved ability to self-care, reduced social isolation and improved wellbeing. Evidence shows a return on investment (RoI) of between £1.19 and £10 per £1 invested and other programmes have demonstrated that RoI can be achieved within 24 months of programme delivery at full capacity. A review of the evidence assessing the impact of social prescribing on healthcare demand and cost implications showed average reductions of 28% in GP services, 24% in attendance at A&E and statistically significant drops in referrals to hospital; as GPs are most often involved in making referrals, the role of social prescribing in primary care is underpinned by evaluation reports. It is anticipated that the local model will include referrals from Adult Social Care professionals.

Acceptance of Bedford Borough Council's BLMK Transformation Fund allocation will enable the Council to lead the implementation of the Bedford Borough Social Prescribing Service. Milton Keynes CCG (MKCCG) has received the total Transformation Funding allocation from NHS England on behalf of the STP for allocation to partner organisations based on the bids agreed at the BLMK STP Chief Executives meeting on 12th October 2017. An allocation of up to £100,000 for social prescribing was made to Bedford Borough Council, and it has been agreed that £60,115 will be drawn down. Funding for 2018/19 and 2019/20 is to be confirmed.

2017/18 allocation:

	£
Expansion of the current Community Care Coordinator roles	20,000
Community Care Manager (shared post with Central Bedfordshire [CB])	12,500
Project support worker, including development of a directory (shared with CB)	15,000
Training, including health coaching	2,500
Voluntary sector workshop	550
Voluntary sector support to provide quality assurance and accurate operational costs	4,100
Management overheads @ 10%	<u>5,465</u>
	£60,115

The confirmed 2017/18 funding will ensure the development phase is achieved by the end of March 2018 and allow the model to be operational by April 2018 (subject to receipt of funding for 2018/19).

The Bedford Borough social prescribing model will build on the existing Bedford Borough Local Community Coordinator programme which is commissioned by Adult Social Care and delivered by Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity. Initial funding will support the development of the model identified and agreed by a multi-agency steering group; this is likely to include:

- The appointment of a Social Prescribing Manager to line manage the Local Community Coordinators, develop referral pathways and be the primary point of contact for the commissioners, referrers and voluntary sector.
- The provision of additional training for the existing Local Community Coordinators to ensure they have the full range of competencies to change people's health-related behaviour and co-produce solutions; the skill to liaise with referring health and social care professionals; and the skills to liaise with local voluntary and community organisations.
- The development of local community and voluntary sector organisations to enable them to demonstrate quality assurance and absorb an increase in activity; this will include the delivery of a Social Prescribing Workshop.
- The provision of a small 'social prescribing development fund' to:
 - Enable the service to be responsive to local needs and spot purchase services from the voluntary and community sector if gaps in provision are identified. This creates flexibility by providing a truly personalised local offer and enhances community cohesion.
 - Ensure funding follows the patient in that the community and voluntary services receive the funding required to provide the support to the individual. This is a critical factor in ensuring the sustainability of those services and reaps significant additional investment in the voluntary and community sector e.g. increased volunteering and income generation.
- The refresh and maintenance of a services database.
- The development of an external evaluation framework.

6. **Summary Of Consultations And Outcome**

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File Reference:	<i>Not applicable</i>
Previous Relevant Minutes:	<i>None</i>
Background Papers:	<i>None</i>
Appendices:	<i>None</i>