



REPORT TO: Conwy and Denbighshire Public Services Board
DATE: 16 April, 2018
LEAD OFFICER & ORGANISATION: Cllr Hugh H Evans, Leader: Denbighshire County Council
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SUBJECT: North Wales Public Service Board Support Funding 2018-19

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 This report is to inform the Board about the grant that has been made available from Welsh Government (WG) to the North Wales region in 2018-19, and how the funds have been allocated across the four criteria set out by the WG. (Appendix I).

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Funding is intended to assist Public Services Boards as they move into the delivery of their local Well-being Plans, and to continue to assist in the consolidation of work on the assessments of local well-being and well-being plans.
- 2.2 North Wales Public Services Boards (supported by officers) have considered how this funding can be used to build strategic capacity and capability to support Well-being Plans and Assessments of Local Well-being. Funding has been allocated as follows:

Summary of Proposal	Expected Timescale	Amount
Coordinated and ongoing community engagement	01/04/18 - 31/03/19	£20,000
Addressing gaps in evidence base	01/04/18 - 31/12/18	£30,000
Real-time data availability	01/04/18 - 31/03/19	£13,117
Monitoring and evaluation of progress	01/04/18 - 31/03/19	£20,000
Total grant awarded		£83,117

3. RECOMMENDATION(S)/OPTIONS

- 3.1 That Public Services Board members read and understand the report, and in particular take note of the amounts available and the criteria (Appendix II) that applies.
- 3.2 That Public Services Board members have opportunity to suggest areas of work that may be progressed with the available support funding. Spend against the grant can be a standing agenda item at PSB so that updates can be provided, and consideration given to areas that would benefit from investment.

4. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 4.1 As in previous years, funding is offered on a health board footprint, with £83,117 being made available for the North Wales Region in 2018-19 financial year. Denbighshire County Council, as lead authority, has worked with North Wales Public Service Board Officers to submit the attached proposal for 2018-19.
- 4.2 Funding must not be used for:
- the development of or maintaining of specific projects chosen by Public Services Boards, other than as part of the delivery of the well-being plan or consolidating the assessment or plan;
 - general partnership support.
- 4.3 Denbighshire County Council will monitor the progress of work funded, ensuring adequate financial controls. Under-spend or over-spend will be particularly monitored by the lead authority, with regular updates provided through the North Wales Public Services Board Network.
- 4.4 Quarterly progress reports will be provided to WG demonstrating how objectives are being met, and how the work being funded relates to Public Service Boards more generally.
- 4.5 The funding period will be from 1 April 2018 - 31 March 2019, with the funding being paid in one instalment by Welsh Government at the end of the funding period, on completion of a satisfactory claim form. With agreement from the lead authority, partners will initially accept billing for any work that is progressed, then invoicing Denbighshire County Council for the total amount owed at the end of the financial year. Any queries should be directed to iolo.mcgregor@denbighshire.gov.uk.

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The proposal was first discussed at the North Wales Public Services Board Network meeting held on January 15, and subsequently discussed at the Conwy & Denbighshire Public Services Board on January 29. A draft proposal was shared for feedback with each of the Public Service Board support officers and discussed at the North Wales Public Services Board Network meeting on March 7. The proposal was then shared with all of the Public Services Board chairs for comment before submission to Welsh Government on March 16. Approval from Welsh Government is expected imminently.

6. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The management of the support fund is being absorbed by existing capacity within Denbighshire County Council, following Conwy County Borough Council's stewardship of the grant over the past two years.
- 6.2 Individual projects that are progressed as part of the funding proposal may have additional resource implications that would need to be impact assessed as they are taken forward.

7. RISK

- 7.1 There is a risk of over-spend of this grant, which would be likely to result in financial liability for partners.
There is a risk of underspend of this grant, which could be indicative of missed opportunities for the region.

8. DRIVERS AND IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 This support funding has been made available to support Public Services Boards to meet their commitments in relation to the Well-being Of Future Generations (Wales) Act) 2015. Specifically it is to assist with the development of well-being plans, and the ongoing development and maintenance of assessments of local well-being.

- 8.2 If we are successful, we expect that:

- Our assessments of local well-being are up-to-date, relevant and easy to use, at least in relation to the priority areas that PSBs have set.
- Active and meaningful involvement of stakeholders, including hard-to-reach groups.
- Clear understanding of processes for monitoring and evaluating progress.
- Well-being plans and the steps within them are clearly communicated and understood by stakeholders, avoiding duplication.
- Steps taken or planned in support of well-being objectives have been informed by evidence and best practice.

9. REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 9.1 The proposal that has been developed is deliberately high-level and broad to accommodate all the Public Services Boards in the North Wales Region. Further work is now needed by each Public Service Board to develop specific proposals for the expenditure of the support fund.

BACKGROUND PAPERS	LOCATION
North Wales PSBs Funding Proposal 2018-19	Appendix I
Criteria: Support for Public Services Boards 2018-19	Appendix II