

Appendix H - Public Health

The Health & Social Care Act 2012 placed a statutory responsibility on local authorities in England to take appropriate steps to improve the health of the people who live in their area.

The Public Health Division is mandated to provide a number of services and functions, including:

- NHS health checks
- Open access sexual health services
- Health Visiting
- National child measurement programme (NCMP)
- Public health advice to the NHS
- Protecting the health of the population

There are also a number of non-mandated functions which are 'conditions of the public health grant' under the 2012 Act, such as ensuring there are public health services aimed at reducing drug and alcohol misuse.

Public health aims to improve the health and wellbeing of Southwark's residents and to reduce health inequalities. This is achieved by working closely with partners across the Council, CCG, NHS and Voluntary Sector to support people to make healthier decisions, to identify health needs and to provide an understanding of evidence and what works to inform service redesign and modernisation. Public health also commissions a range of additional health improvement and health services which includes specialist smoking cessation and free healthy school meals.

Public Health Grant 2021-22

The Public Health grant for 2021-22 is **£28.698m**.

Commitments

The division has identified the following commitments for 2022-23.

○ Free Healthy School Meals - Additional funding	£200k
○ Head of Programme Policy and Partnership (50% contribution towards post)	£42k
○ Pay Inflation	£45k
Total	£287k

Public Health Grant 2022-23 (Estimated)

The Spending Review 2021 indicated that the Public Health grant would be maintained in real terms in 2022-23 and therefore a 1% increase in Public Health Grant equating to **£287k** is budgeted for 2022-23 which is sufficient to fund the above commitments.

The table overleaf provides details on how the Public Health Grant has been budgeted across the services over 2020-21 to 2021-22 and also reflects the proposed allocation of the estimated Public Health Grant of **£28.985m** for 2022-23.

Public Health Grant Budget Allocations

Description	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23 Proposed
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Sexual Health Advice and Prevention	218	218	218
Sexual Health - Contraception	1,656	1,656	1,656
Young People's Integrated Wellbeing Service	223	223	223
Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)	421	958	958
Sexual Health E-Service	904	904	1,251
Sexually Transmitted Infections - Testing & Treatment	5,033	5,147	4,977
NHS Health Check programme	305	305	305
Free Healthy School / Nursery Meals	3,329	3,329	3,529
Obesity	558	493	493
Physical Activity	250	0	0
Substance Misuse	4,683	4,633	4,633
Smoking and Tobacco	186	136	136
School Nursing Services	1,309	1,309	1,309
Children's 0-5 PH services	6,453	6,453	6,453
PH Advice and other functions	2,519	2,609	2,519
Corporate Overheads	325	325	325
Public Health Grant	28,372	28,698	28,985

Public Health - Proposed 2022-23 Budget Allocations

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