

SUPPORTING NARRATIVE FOR BUDGET PROPOSALS

PUBLIC HEALTH

Overview

The overall Public Health budget in 2015/16 is £24.283m, funded by specific ringfenced grant and additional CCG contributions to be consolidated within the specific grant in the future.

Services cover issues such as support for individuals with drug and alcohol addictions, sexual health services, school nursing, health checks and a team that provide specialist public health advice and support. From October 2015, health visitors will also become part of the council's public health remit increasing the budget by £3.464m.

The council is keen to ensure that the use of Public Health investment is appropriate and in line with regulations and locally established priorities that focus on better outcomes, reducing health inequalities in the borough.

Fairer Futures / Council plan

The council's fairer future promise to double the number of NHS health checks will be provided through effective re-commissioning of the Healthcheck service across Lambeth and Southwark while achieving better value for money and improved outcomes.

Modernisation / VFM/Efficiencies

The commissioning strategy is being reviewed to deliver improved focus on commissioning for effective outcomes, which will release resources of £2.3m across Children's and Adults', Environment and Leisure and the Specialist Advice Team. This funding will be reinvested in services that support the council's public health objectives and priorities.

Public Health – Equalities Impact Summary

As the commissioning strategy is developed, impact assessments will continue to consider whether there are any disproportionate impacts on any particular groups and identify actions to mitigate these.