

ADULTS AND HEALTH SELECT COMMITTEE

2 November 2022



ADDENDUM TO REPORT “SURREY ALL AGE MENTAL HEALTH INVESTMENT FUND PROGRAMME: UPDATE ON PHASING OF IMPLEMENTATION PLANNING”

Purpose of report: To provide an update on the above report

Introduction:

1. The paper “Surrey All Age Mental Health Investment Fund Programme: Update on Phasing of Implementation Planning” was due to be presented to the Adults and Health Select Committee on 16 September 2022, but due to Her Majesty the Queen’s passing, this meeting was postponed to 2 November 2022.
2. This addendum seeks to provide a short update on progress made between the date the original paper was submitted and the revised meeting date of the Committee on 2 November.
3. This addendum will cover three main areas:
 - a) Update on the award to Community Foundation Surrey (CFS)
 - b) Update on the funding application process design
 - c) Proposed Evaluation Criteria
4. On 21 September 2022, the Surrey-wide Commissioning Committees in Common met to consider a report to how the Mental Health Investment Fund would be arranged. This was based upon previously agreed funding programmes running across the Council and Healthcare system. Committees in Common agreed all recommendations, which were:
 - a) To delegate decision making about the deployment of and budget accountability for Mental Health Investment Fund (MHIF) monies to the Joint Executive for Public Service Reform, in line with delegation levels.
 - b) To consider and agree the proposed process, to define the criteria, and governance for managing the Mental Health Investment Fund.
 - c) Note the role of an Advisory Panel in helping to shape the MHIF and defining the funding thresholds and timing of funding rounds.

- d) Agree that an annual review mechanism is developed to allow for public scrutiny of the activity, delivery, and performance of the fund, for example via an annual report to the Committee in Common.
- e) Agree to the MHIF programme governance and accountability reporting to the system Mental Health Delivery Board.
- f) Agree that up to £100K be allocated from MHIF to establish a core MHIF team to manage the delivery of the fund as well as other set up costs.

Update on the assessment for awarding grant funds Community Foundation Surrey

- 5. As part of the first phase of the Mental Health Investment Fund, Executive authorisation for transfer of funds from Surrey County Council to Community Foundation Surrey was completed on 1 September 2022. With the match-funding raised by Community Foundation for Surrey, the Scale Up Fund totals £2m and the application process went live via their website shortly afterwards.
- 6. CFS have commenced their assessment process and at stage one, which was by invitation only, there were four applications submitted from local charities and local organisations. One of these bids was not successful at this first stage, but is being provided with focused feedback for future applications. The remaining three bids are being taken forward to phase two presentations at the end of October, where a decision on funding will be made.
- 7. In November 2022, CFS will be undertaking round two of their application process which will be a fully open application process where any organisation can submit an Expression of Interest for Scale-Up funding.
- 8. CFS are in the process of undertaking a “Listening Phase” to talk to organisations involved in supporting the mental health and wellbeing of young people to find out what is working well and what challenges they are facing. We will draw learning from this exercise to help develop the Surrey All Age Mental Health Investment Fund Programme and ensure we keep a clear focus.

Funding Application Process Design

- 9. Processes have been identified which will demonstrate value for money and comply with the internal Surrey County Council Procurement Contract Standing Orders and the Public Contract Regulations 2015.
- 10. The processes have been designed to ensure transparency and create opportunities to include local Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) and Small Medium Enterprises (SMEs)

11. It is anticipated the first panel will meet before the end of the year to review early applications to the fund.
12. In anticipation of the first panel meeting, we have been reaching out informally to key individuals to help identify potential projects suitable for funding which focus on our key populations. This will ensure minimal delay in commencement of funding for appropriate programmes. We will ensure market engagements will continue to raise awareness of the Mental Health Investment Fund.
13. The fund will look to prioritise bids that are aimed to work closely with one or more of the priority populations within the HWB Strategy and we will also actively look to work with organisations and community groups within the key neighbourhoods, as identified in the 2022 refresh of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The joint strategic needs assessment, which provides an assessment of the current and future health and social care needs of the local community, provides rich data on the needs in our communities as well as identified gaps in current services. The council has also recently produced detailed insight reports covering the 21 Health and Wellbeing Key Neighbourhoods in Surrey, These reports are publicly available through the Surrey information portal: [Key Neighbourhoods – Surrey-i \(surreyi.gov.uk\)](https://surreyi.gov.uk)
14. This information on key neighbourhoods was shared with CFS prior to commencement of their process to support them.

Proposed Evaluation Criteria

15. As part of evaluation of applications received, the following criteria is being proposed.
 - 1.1 **Priority Two** - The bid must respond to at least one of the aims of priority two from the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, with additional points for multiple aims within a single bid. This is the highest weighting of scoring.
 - 1.2 **Priority Populations** - The bid must directly impact one of the Priority Populations or Key Neighbourhoods as described in the H&WB strategy.
 - 1.3 **Impact on Partners** - Impacts must be positive and make a direct contribution to the sustainability of mental health within populations.
 - 1.4 **Innovation** – The bids should be attempting something that is more than a repeat of previously tried initiatives.
 - 1.5 **Engagement** - Bids should evidence stakeholder commitment
 - 1.6 **Benefits and Sustainability** - Benefits and beneficiaries should be clearly identified and focus given to ongoing funding support.

1.7 **Inclusion** - Bids should be mindful of adopting an inclusive approach.

1.8 **Wider sharing and adoption** - Bids should demonstrate how learning and engagement will work across Surrey.

Recommendations:

16. The Committee notes these developments.

Next steps:

17. Market engagements will continue to take place to raise awareness of the Mental Health Investment Fund.

18. The process for the all-age mental health investment fund will be shared with the Committee as soon as confirmed. Information on the fund and where to direct organisations interested in applying will also be shared with all Members to support local engagement.

19. The first panel will meet to review received applications for the Mental Health Investment Fund by the end of the year.

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