

1 Introduction

Health integration updates for SCIP Board have given detailed descriptions of progress and asked the Board to note the need for new resources to meet additional monitoring and analysis costs.

At SCIP Board Meeting 24.9.14 Chair requested a briefing note to support him in identifying possible funding.

2 Background

The impetus for including health integration as a project theme for Cross Green within the SCIP programme over and above the Group Repair health impact analysis derives from the City Region funded behavioural study around energy efficiency. The report for the study was presented to Aire Valley Planning Meeting in 2013 and the Chief Planning Officer requested officers to ensure that as much understanding about good partnership practice in the field was gained as possible, and especially where Planning policy could assist. This was re-iterated at the AVP Meeting in January 2014.

A cross-agency workshop identified, amongst a range of other actions, the need for better research and information and discussions with public health colleagues ensued.

It was agreed to build on the original study and its author, Dr Fiona Fylan, was approached to assist Public Health colleagues in the development of a questionnaire that could be integrated with Group Repair monitoring. A lifestyle & wellbeing questionnaire has been finalised, and arrangements for administration, though altered, are agreed.

Costs for expert data analysis and reporting have been estimated at £10,000, broken down as follows:

- Inputting the data into a statistical package: £500 at three time points = £1,500
- Coding the data: £500
- Statistical analysis: £1,000 at each time point = £3,000
- Reviewing the data in the context of academic and policy research = £1,000
- Writing a report of the data, including actionable and insightful recommendations = £3,000
- Presenting the results of the research and writing additional documents as required to disseminate the results = £1,000

3 Current situation

No funding for data management or analysis can be found within Planning, SCIP funding is for capital only and only 50% of the estimated cost has been found within Public Health locality budgets.

Dr Fylan has been operating on a pro-bono basis since the original study, attending meetings, workshops and contributing to questionnaire development. Her working arrangements with the university have changed and she no longer has the capacity to continue without remuneration.

4 Next steps

If sufficient funding can be found, procurement will secure expert input and ensure that work and developing understanding so far is not wasted.