

Report of Advanced Health Improvement Specialist

Report to Director of Public Health

Date: 01/12/2020

Subject: Return of £126,383 Local Workforce Action Board funding to West Yorkshire and Harrogate ICS (via Wakefield CCG) due to the regional post no long hosted by Leeds City Council

Are specific electoral wards affected? If yes, name(s) of ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Has consultation been carried out?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Will the decision be open for call-in?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, access to information procedure rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary

1. Main issues

- This funding was originally funded by the West Yorkshire & Harrogate Local Workforce Action Board to fund a West Yorkshire and Harrogate public health workforce development post (started Feb 2019 and left the post Feb 2020) and a separate WY&H collaborative workforce development project to work across the WY&H ICS footprint (funded for 12-18 months from Sept 2019).
- The above project has had to pause due to the post holder leaving and as a result of COVID-19, both the underspend from the post becoming vacant and the project not being led by Leeds City Council there is a need to return the remaining funding to WY&H ICS
- The total funding to be returned is £126,383; as this was funding to work across the WY&H ICS footprint it has no direct impact on Leeds City Council; and it is no longer appropriate for the budget to be held by Leeds City Council - Public Health

2. Best Council Plan Implications (click [here](#) for the latest version of the Best Council Plan)

- Best Council Plan implications have been considered and has no impact on the funds being returned and therefore it is not applicable on this occasion

3. Resource Implications

- As this was funding to work across the WY&H ICS footprint it has no direct impact on Leeds City Council; and it is no longer appropriate for the budget to be held by Leeds City Council - Public Health

Recommendations

- a) The Director of Public Health is recommended to approve the return of £126,383 Local Workforce Action Board funding to West Yorkshire and Harrogate ICS (via Wakefield CCG) due to the regional post no long hosted by Leeds City Council. The lead from Health education England who oversaw the approval of the original funding has agreed for the remaining funding to be returned to WY&H ICS via Wakefield CCG

1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To purpose of this report is to seek approval to return Local Workforce Action Board funding to West Yorkshire and Harrogate ICS (via Wakefield CCG) due to the regional post no long hosted by Leeds City Council

2. Background information

- 2.1 This funding was originally funded by the West Yorkshire & Harrogate Local Workforce Action Board to fund a West Yorkshire and Harrogate public health workforce development post (started Feb 2019 and left the post Feb 2020) and a separate WY&H collaborative workforce development project to work across the WY&H ICS footprint (funded for 12-18 months from Sept 2019)

3. Main issues

- 3.1 £126,383 non recurrent funding was given to Public Health to fund a Workforce Development post for 18 months. Due to the post holder leaving the role and COVID, the project was paused. Due to both the underspend from the post becoming vacant and the project not being led by Leeds City Council there is a need to return the remaining funding to WY&H ICS

4. Corporate considerations

This has been considered and due to the return on funding has no impact therefore it is not applicable on this occasion

4.1 Consultation and engagement

- 4.1.1 This has been considered and due to the return on funding has no impact therefore it is not applicable on this occasion

4.2 Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration

- 4.2.1 Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration Screening has been completed

4.3 Council policies and the Best Council Plan

4.3.1 This has been considered and due to the return on funding has no impact therefore it is not applicable on this occasion

4.3.2 Climate Emergency

This has been considered and due to the return on funding has no impact therefore it is not applicable on this occasion

4.4 Resources, procurement and value for money

4.4.1 Due to the circumstances and constraints encountered due to COVID and the post holder leaving, this funded post is no longer to be taken up and funds will therefore be returned, this will have no impact on resources

4.5 Legal implications, access to information, and call-in

4.5.1 Due to the return of funding there are no legal implications, access to information or need to call-in

4.6 Risk management

4.6.1 There are no risks to returning the funds therefore it is not applicable on this occasion

5. Conclusions

5.1 Public Health and Leeds City Council are committed to supporting the development of the Workforce work done carried out by West Yorkshire & Harrogate Local Workforce Action Board, this decision will ensure continuity and enable the work to continue across West Yorkshire

6. Recommendations

6.1 The Director of Public Health is recommended to approve the return of £126,383 Local Workforce Action Board funding to West Yorkshire and Harrogate ICS (via Wakefield CCG) due to the regional post no longer hosted by Leeds City Council

7. Background documents¹

7.1 None.

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.