

West Health - Joint Working with the CCG

1. Background

- 1.1 As part of the process to establish Area Priorities for 2014/2015, the West People and Place Boards developed a Health Plan on Page, in partnership with the Clinical Commissioning Group and the VCS, supported by Public Health and People/Place Services generally.
- 1.2 The West Health Plan on Page was approved by West Area Committee at its April 2014 meeting. The plan aligned the outcomes of the Health and Wellbeing Board, Children's Local Area Board, HHAS Plan, CCG, and Public Health with the West local area priority to improve the Health and Wellbeing of residents. It also identified all of the partners with whom Committee could work to encourage and improve communication, engagement and delivery.
- 1.3 The key areas within the plan on a page are as follows:
 - Access to health professionals and services
 - Mental Health and Wellbeing
 - Teenage conception rates
 - Obesity and healthy lifestyles
- 1.4 West Area Committee on 3rd December 2014, following a progress update report from the West People Board, approved £80,000 to support further projects which work towards addressing the key areas, highlighted above.
- 1.5 Mental health and Wellbeing has been the first call for projects with proposals being aligned in February at the People Board.

2. CCG – Match Funding to empower VCS Organisations

- 2.1 The CCG recognises that engaging with partners is critical to prioritising and developing joint solutions for local and city-wide problems, developing and mobilising capacity within communities, influencing how public services are delivered within the resources available. The CCG also recognises that our Area Committees, as local advocates and networkers, continue to be well placed to work with local communities in collaboration with partner organisations
- 2.2 The CCG would like to provide funding to each Area (£20,000 per area) to enable the CCG Locality Commission Groups and Area Committees to jointly fund the local Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) to deliver projects in the community which provide support for the people in each locality – based upon the needs identified within the Joint West Health Plan on a page.
- 2.3 The £20,000 would be matched to the £80,000 already approved by the West Area Committee, giving the West a total of £100,000 to support the VCS to deliver projects which support the delivery of the priorities within the West Health Plan on a page.
- 2.4 The key assumptions to deliver successfully in partnership with the CCG are:
 - Joint agreement between CCG and Area Committee for the priority area for funding
 - CCG are involved in the consultation process
 - Funding available to Voluntary and Community Sector organisations who deliver within the West
 - Scrutiny and Area Arrangements administer and monitor the grants to the voluntary sector
 - Area Committee retains formal governance approval of decisions

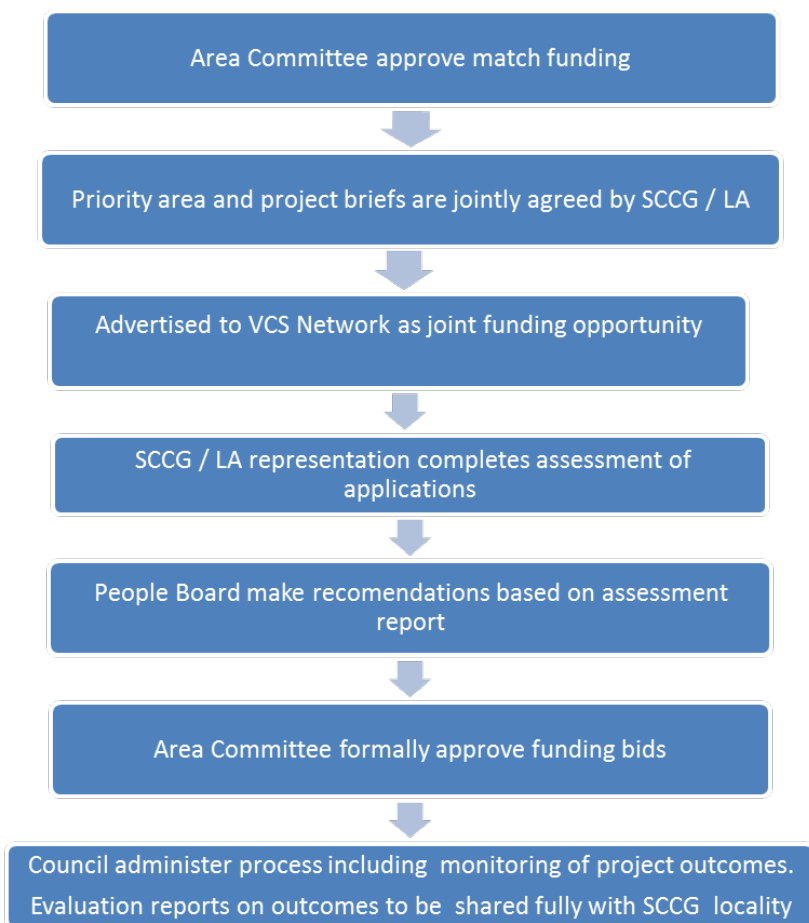
3. Outline Benefits, Outcomes and Impact

- 3.1 It is anticipated that the joint funding will further facilitate the development of better relationships between the CCG, Council and Voluntary sector at a locality level, and funding of innovative ways of working.

- 3.2 It would be difficult to measure the outcomes and impact of relationship building of this in terms of activity but could be reported back via a qualitative process with the staff engaged in the process.
- 3.3 The outcomes and the impact of the funding to the successful voluntary sector groups will be formally monitored by the Scrutiny and Area Arrangements team. The Outcomes and measures will be agreed in advance of the funding and voluntary sector groups will need to demonstrate how they meet any criteria set.
- 3.4 Outcomes and impact reports will be reported to the West Area Committee and CCG Locality Groups and Lessons Learnt will be shared with the Health and Wellbeing Board.

4. Delivery Process

- 4.1 The delivery process will be co-ordinated through the West People Board by the West Area Co-ordinator and the CCG West Locality Manager, using the existing processes for SIB grant funding.
- 4.2 Sunderland CCG Locality Commissioning Teams will be involved in the process of identification and grant awards.
- 4.3 Advice and input will be sought from Public Health Locality Leads.



4. Recommendations

- 4.1 Note the content of the report.
- 4.2 Consider and agree a recommendation to Area Committee to accept the £20,000 funding from the CCG to support further West VCS organisations to deliver innovative projects to support the delivery of outcomes within the joint West Health Plan on a Page.