

Appendix 2: New proposals for use of Public Health General Reserves

Topic	2019/20 £	2020/21 £	Brief description / Rationale	Impacts including links to Public Health outcomes	Risks of not allocating reserves funding
Repairing and Preventing Harm in Children Affected by Domestic Abuse (CADA)	115,000	130,000	<p>The government's consultation on the Domestic Abuse Bill 2018 emphasised the severe, long lasting harm of domestic abuse on children. This proposal will provide support for children and young people affected by domestic abuse through:</p> <p>1. Connections Toolkit: training for professionals on this locally developed innovative toolkit which enables them to mainstream 1:1 prevention into their work with young people affected by domestic abuse who are displaying harmful and concerning behaviours.</p> <p>2. Horizons: a preventative programme with children, young people and their families where children display harmful and concerning behaviours with their parents, family or carers.</p> <p>3. Young Person's Violence Advisor (YPVA) to support children and young people going through the family courts, with full County coverage.</p> <p>4. Independent evaluation to identify learning and best practice.</p> <p>The proposal wil help to meet recommendation 9 in the Domestic Abuse JSNA 2019 and recommendations from the 2019 DPH Annual Report for Nottinghamshire.</p>	<p>These programmes will address the recommendation in the DPH report to improve early intervention and prevention of domestic abuse by addressing young peoples' values and beliefs before they are hardened and also addressing adolescent to parent/carers violence and abuse. 120-160 professionals will be trained through the Connections programme. 8 children per year and their families will benefit from the Horizon programme.</p> <p>Outcomes for children and young people include improved understanding of domestic abuse and of respectful relationships, management of behaviour.</p> <p>Outcomes for adults include improved understanding by teen relationship dynamics and improved ability to manage children's behaviour. Children can be re-traumatised as part of the family court process and perpetrators can use these proceedings to continue their controlling behaviour. YPVAs will support, safeguard and work with the child to avoid further DVA, improve emotional wellbeing, school attendance and future life chances. 54 children benefited from the YPVA provision in the north of the county from April-December 2018.</p>	<p>Lost opportunity to evaluate programmes that work with children and young people to create healthier, happier and safer families, whether by addressing harmful behaviours or through family court.</p> <p>The Court YPVA element was previously run using reserves funding in the North of the County only during 2018/19. Not allocating the reserves funding would bring an end to this work and would also represent loss of opportunity to expand the provision to the South of the County.</p>
Health protection - communications and training	30,000	30,000	<p>Support work to raise awareness through active promotion and communication activities around elements of health protection: a) immunisation/screening; b) infection prevention &amp; control; and c) TB. Topics of focus may include vaccine uptake (esp. MMR, flu and shingles), variability in cancer screening uptake, dehydration, UTI prevention, hygiene, sepsis prevention, e-coli/MRSA/C-diff/CPE control measures, and practitioner awareness of TB - exact subjects / campaigns and scope to be determined and overseen by corresponding network groups and programme boards.</p> <p>Health protection awareness raising activity will help to prevent infection and disease, promote earlier diagnosis of illness and help to tackle inequalities.</p>	<p>Increased uptake of immunisation and screening programmes, including targeted work to reduce inequalities; fewer hospital admissions and re-admissions for viral and bacterial infections; better practice among practitioners, including care home staff.</p>	<p>Health protection is a mandated function within the Council's public health responsibilities. The statutory requirement is addressed through allocation of staff time and through a discrete Infection and Control Service funded through a section 75 agreement. There is no additional budget to support health protection activities. Without the reserves allocation, the proposed active promotion and communication activities could not take place.</p>
Healthy Start - increasing vitamin offer	20,000	40,000	<p>Healthy Start is a government scheme for pregnant women and children under 4 years available to families in receipt of benefits or pregnant women under 18. There are two elements: Pregnant women and children over one and under four years old receive weekly monetary vouchers that can be spent on milk, fresh fruit and vegetables at local retailers across the county. The uptake of this element of the scheme is good and opportunities to strengthen this are currently being explored linked to the trailblazer work, and by working to increase the number of retailers offering the scheme. Women and children also receive vitamin coupons which can be exchanged for vitamins at local children centres. If not eligible for the scheme, women are able to purchase vitamins at cost price from their local children centre. Uptake of the vitamin element of the scheme is extremely low. To encourage take up, it is proposed to give a universal Healthy Start 'starter pack' of one free dose of women's vitamins at all antenatal booking appointments and one free dose of the children's vitamins at all 6-8-week reviews, alongside promotional information, and to undertake additional activities to create additional distribution points, increase awaress amongs familites and professionals, and embed Healthy Start vitamins in the universal offer.</p>	<p>Increased nutritional intake for pregnant women and children</p> <p>Reduced risk of neural tube defects in pregnancy</p> <p>Reduced risk of vitamin D deficiency e.g. rickets and hypocalcaemic fits among children</p> <p>Reduced health inequalities e.g. families in lower-income groups tend to have less vitamin C in their diet</p> <p>Supports delivery of Nottinghamshire's infant feeding framework for action.</p>	<p>The intervention will aim to increase the take up of Healthy Start vitamin offer. There is low uptake of vitamins nationally and locally. Two studies referenced by NICE suggest that less then 10% redeem their vitamin coupons due to a range of reasons including lack of awareness and limited collection points. The reserves provides an opportunity to address this, by improving the availability of vitamins, creating additional distribution points, increasing awareness of the vitamin element of the scheme amongst families and professionals and fully embedding Healthy Start vitamins in the universal offer.</p>
Corporate Programme - Health Work & Inclusive Growth	100,000		<p>1. Audit of Nottinghamshire County Council employment support policy and practice as compared to known best practice - to evaluate the organisation's current corporate policy and practice. Specifically the Council's support to NCC employees, and Nottinghamshire residents experiencing barriers to employment, due to disability, long term health conditions or complex health and social care needs. (£35,000)</p> <p>2. Consultant support to facilitate the implementation of audit within NCC and use audit findings to develop a strategic plan to improve employment and reduce inequalities in access to work. (£65,000)</p>	<p>Understanding and benchmarking of existing NCC employment support including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Local vision and values</li><li>• Promotion of health and wellbeing of NCC employees.</li><li>• NCC as a provider of employment support</li><li>• NCC as an inclusive employer – disability, mental health and healthy aging.</li></ul> <p>This will enable development of a strategic plan for NCC to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be an exemplar employer in promoting positive health and well-being of employees</li><li>• Increase the number of people with Learning Disability and Mental Health problems with employment</li><li>• Ensure pathways to work through robust preparing for Adulthood planning and processes</li><li>• improve the access to employment for those post 16 with SEND.</li><li>• Support people with eligible social care needs with work and work readiness.</li></ul> <p>Public Health outcome indicators: Sickness absence rate; adults with learning disabilities in employment; gap in the employment rate between those with a LTC and the overall employment rate</p>	<p>Insufficient capacity/resource and expertise within NCC to effectively evaluate NCC employment support practice and develop a council strategic plan, leads to missed opportunities for the council to address health inequalities and improve access to work for vulnerable residents.</p>
Academic Resilience extension	125,000	125,000	<p>Extension of two academic resilience programmes currently commissioned to provide for 30 schools in Nottinghamshire, to roll out to a further 30 schools, to be targeted in areas of greatest need. The existing service model is to embed sustainability by building a whole school approach which can be maintained after completion of the programme with the school. Provider performance is good and current activity is valued by schools. Current requests for activity from county schools outstrips capacity to deliver. Additional funding would allow continuation until March 2021, enabling the service to be offered to more Nottinghamshire children. An evaluation to examine local outcomes and sustainability (due to report in 2020) will be extended to include the additional 30 schools receiving the intervention.</p> <p>Delivery of academic resilience programmes is part of the national and local CYP mental health transformation programme, consistent with the Green Paper 'Transforming Children and Young People's Mental Health Provision (DH/DFE 2017) and the NHS Long Term Plan, both of which place schools at the centre of early intervention and prevention around young people's mental and emotional well-being. Nationally, evidence to support the impact that schools can have on building resilience and maintaining good mental health is identified in the Green Paper. In addition, the LGA is supportive of resilience building approaches, recognising the important role that local authorities have.</p>	<p>Extension of programme to another 30 schools. Increases in reported resilience, improved school attendance, increased numbers of young people willing to seek support.</p> <p>Contribution to improving Public Health Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• pupil absence</li><li>• first time entrants to youth justice system</li><li>• 16-18 year olds not in education, employment, training</li><li>• under 18 conceptions</li><li>• emotional well-being of looked after children</li><li>• smoking prevalence at age 15</li><li>• self-harm</li></ul>	<p>Lost opportunity to complete a longer term evaluation for the schools currently involved and to involve more schools.</p>
Total	390,000	325,000		715,000	