

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
Tertiary knife crime prevention activities. Supporting Youth Justice to employ youth workers to provide outreach to vulnerable young people.	165,000	-	PH currently already undertakes many primary knife crime prevention activities, including the FNP, HCP, Schools Health Hub and others. As per the 2018 DPH Annual Report, we have committed to "Reduce knife crime in Nottinghamshire through the piloting and rigorous evaluation of public health approaches", but at present all our interventions are very upstream. Youth Justice are planning to employ a small team of youth workers to go beyond the universal youth service offer with some targetted outreach to high risk young people. This would use methods such as diversion and mentorship to reduce their risk of becoming either perpetrators or victims of knife crime. The project would benefit from partial public health funding as well as input relating to its monitoring and evaluation planning.	Each stabbing prevented is a significantly positive outcome for the victim (morbidity and potential mortality avoided), the perpetrator (possible imprisonment with worsening health and future professional prospects) and the wider community (costs of police investigation and hospital treatment in already overstretched public services, increases in tensions and risk perception that make further knife crime more likely). DH estimate the average cost of a suicide as £1.6million in lost productivity, emergency services, police and coroners investigations and wider community impacts. The economic cost of a fatal stabbing is likely to be similarly high, making this a highly cost-effective intervention if it prevents even a single stabbing.	Project may not go ahead with both direct (knife crimes not prevented) and indirect impacts (unbalanced primary-heavy NCC prevention approach to knife crime, less positive collaboration between NCC departments).