

OFFICER DECISION RECORD 2 FORM

This form should be used to record Officer Decisions which have a financial impact (income/expenditure) between £25k - £100k.

Decision Reference No: 2022/30/PH/Wellbeingtherapies

BOX 1.

DIRECTORATE: Public Health

DATE: 14th July 2022

Contact Name: Vanessa Powell-Hoyland

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Subject Matter: Wellbeing Therapies

BOX 2 DECISION TAKEN:

To award Helping Hands to deliver Wellbeing Therapies with the cost of £40,000 to be funded from the Clinical Extremely Vulnerable funds within the reserves.

Areas where the sessions will be held throughout Doncaster.

BOX 3

REASON FOR DECISION AND ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED:

Post 2019 floods and Covid 19, communities have been faces a number of low level mental health issues, the wellbeing therapies will promote good mental health and prevent the escalation of poorer mental health through early support
The project was originally funded in 2020 from the Public health budget, the work today has been extremely welcomed within communities and the mental health area. Therefore, we are looking to support the offer for another year. The use of stress reducing therapies this will include talking therapy to aid deep relaxation and the opening of the subconscious mind to positive scripts and suggestion, counteracting the pattern of negativity, anxiety or trauma presented by the client.

The options around this are whether to invest or not and the level of investment. Not investing was ruled out on the basis this is an excellent opportunity to increase the low level mental health support within a community setting delivered by our third sector organisations outweighs the investment, due to the match funding associated with the project.

There is a risk that without taking this decision the local authority will not be able to support our communities who are currently in need post flood trauma. There is a financial risk as this fund will be a grant and therefore there is a risk that the organisation will not meet the requirements and financial claw back would be difficult. To mitigate this the organisation will only receive moneys every 3 months.

The development of the project was in conjunction with the Well Doncaster Communities group, the project will be across all partners and the group have spoken a range of clients to ensure the program meets local needs.

**BOX 4
BACKGROUND PAPERS**

NO (If YES please list and submit copies with this form)

**BOX 5
INFORMATION NOT FOR PUBLICATION:**

Name: Claire Hewitt Signature: _____ Date 27/07/2022

Signature of FOI Lead Officer for service area where ODR originates

**BOX 6
AUTHORISATION:**

Name: __Rupert Suckling Signature: Date: 27th July 2022

Director of Public Health

Does this decision require authorisation by the Chief Financial Officer or other Officer?

NO

If yes please authorise below:

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Chief Executive/Director/Assistant Director of _____

Consultation with Relevant Member(s)

Name: _____ **Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

Designation _____

(e.g. Mayor, Cabinet Member or Committee Chair/Vice-Chair)

Declaration of Interest YES/NO

If YES please give details below:

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