

## OFFICER DECISION RECORD 1 FORM

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Decision Reference No: 2024/09/PH/Substancerecoverygrant

**BOX 1**

**DIRECTORATE:** Office of the Chief  
Executive – Public Health

**DATE:** 07/03/24

**Contact Name:** Andy Collins

**Tel. No.:** 07956328147

**Subject Matter:** Detailed breakdown of Supplemental Substance Misuse Treatment  
Recovery Grant spend 2024/25

**BOX 2****DECISION TAKEN**

This is the third year of additional monies received as part of the 10 year National Drug Strategy entitled 'From Harm to Hope'. The Supplemental Substance Misuse Treatment and Recovery Grant (SSMTRG) from the Office of Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) has been deployed to improve the capacity and quality of substance misuse services in line with the new national strategy.

The main focus of the strategy is to include:

- An increase in the number of people receiving high quality treatment
- Improved treatment for people rough sleeping or at risk of rough sleeping
- Lives saved through a reduction in drug related deaths
- An increase in the continuity of care for people moving from prison into treatment
- Contributing to reduction in crime through effective treatment for offenders
- An increase in the number of people in long term recovery
- An increase in the number of people in recovery who are in sustained employment
- An increase in the number of people in recovery who are in safe and stable accommodation

Details of the proposed spend from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 is shown below.

SSMTR Grant Interventions	Planned Work Areas	24/25 Exp
System coordination and commissioning	Collaboration capacity	£ 108,820.00
Enhanced harm reduction provision	Outreach and engagement	£ 142,416.00
Enhanced harm reduction provision	Additional Prescribing & Testing costs	£ 10,000.00
Increased treatment capacity	Young People	£ 220,064.00
Increased treatment capacity	Priority groups	£ 165,111.00
Increased integration and improved care pathways between criminal justice settings, and drug treatment	Capacity to undertake CJS assessments and improve pathways	£ 532,723.00
Enhanced treatment quality	Key working and caseload management	£ 781,449.00
Enhanced recovery support	Recovery support and recovery communities projects	£ 375,745.00
Enhanced recovery support	Enhanced partnership with employment and housing	£ 49,500.00
<b>Total Expenditure 2024/25</b>		<b>£ 2,385,828.00</b>

Spend breakdown is listed as the SSMTRG grant intervention criteria set by OHID.

### **BOX 3**

#### **REASON FOR THE DECISION**

This investment will further increase the capacity and quality of the existing Aspire service, enhance the professional workforce, improve integration of services, improve access to accommodation alongside treatment, improve employment support, increase referrals into treatment in the criminal justice system and keep prisoners engaged in treatment after release. It will enhance the services offered, add flexibility, decrease waiting times and enable more people to benefit from the Aspire service.

Public Health are seeking permission to go ahead the spend for the financial year 2024/25.

### **BOX 4**

#### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

Not to accept the SSMTR allocation and therefore not improve access and capacity and quality of treatment services.

### **BOX 5**

#### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 provides the Council with a general power of competence, allowing the Council to do anything that individuals generally may do.

As set out in S111 Local Government Act 1972, "a local authority shall have power to do any thing (whether or not involving the expenditure, borrowing or lending of money or the acquisition or disposal of any property or rights) which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the discharge of any of their functions."

Any external spend made using these monies must be in accordance with the requirements of Contract Procedure Rules & any external funder

**Name:** S.R. Fawcus **Date:** 18.03.24

Name of Assistant Director of Legal and Democratic Services (or representative)

**BOX 6**

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The SSMTRG allocation for Doncaster is confirmed at £2.4m for 2024/25 and was approved in a key decision taken on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022 and forms part of the approved budget for 2024/25. Whilst the original key decision approved the funding allocations for the 3-year period it only set out a spending plan for the first year, this report therefore sets out the planned expenditure for the programme for 2024/25 in line with OHID's interventions set out in the grant agreement.

This is a ring-fenced grant; quarterly returns are submitted to OHID and use of the grant is monitored against the approved plan. Any underspends will be clawed back.

**Name:** Helen Rowlands **Date:** 12/03/24

Name of Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Director of Finance (or representative)

**BOX 7**

**OTHER RELEVANT IMPLICATIONS**

None identified.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Assistant Director (or representative)

**ANY IMPLICATIONS SENT TO DEPARTMENTS SHOULD GENERALLY BE SUBMITTED AT LEAST 5 WORKING DAYS IN ADVANCE TO ENSURE THESE CAN BE GIVEN THE RELEVANT CONSIDERATION.**

**BOX 8**

**EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS:** (To be completed by the author).

There is a strong association between socioeconomic position, social exclusion and substance-related harm in relation to both alcohol and other drugs in the general

population. People living in more deprived areas and with lower individual resources and socioeconomic capital are at greater risk of harm. The highest levels of alcohol and drug-related deaths in the UK occur in those areas of greatest neighbourhood deprivation.

The SSMTR allocation will reduce inequality with more people accessing treatment, addressing underlying health inequalities amongst the Doncaster substance misusing population.

**BOX 9**

**RISK IMPLICATIONS:** (To be completed by the author)

This is the final confirmed year of the SSMTR allocation. No clarification as yet from OHID re continuation of funding post 24/25.

**BOX 10**

**CONSULTATION**

A consultation was held during 2023 with stakeholders, service users and general public and consulted and agreed with the Combatting Drugs Partnership.

**BOX 11**

**INFORMATION NOT FOR PUBLICATION**

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, it is in the public interest for this decision to be published in full, redacting only the signatures.

**Name:** Claire Hewitt \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_19/03/2024\_\_\_\_\_

Name of FOI Lead Officer for service area where ODR originates

**BOX 12**

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Please confirm if any Background Papers are included with this ODR NO

(If YES please list and submit these with this form)

**BOX 13  
AUTHORISATION**

**Name:** Rachael Leslie **Signature:** **Date:** 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Acting 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**

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