

Service: Public Health (PH)

Subject: Finance Monitoring Report – Outturn 2021

Date: 30th April 2021

Key Indicators

Previous Status	Category	Target	Current Status	Section Ref.
Green	Revenue position by Directorate	Balanced year end position	Green	1.2

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Appx 1	Service Level Financial Information	Detailed financial tables for Public Health's main budget headings
Appx 2	Service Commentaries	Detailed notes on financial position of services that are predicting not to achieve their budget
Appx 3	Technical Appendix	This contains technical financial information for Public Health showing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant income received • Budget virements into or out of the service • Service reserves
Appx 4	Savings Tracker	<i>The following appendix is not included each month as the information does not change as regularly:</i> Each quarter, the Council's savings tracker is produced to give an update of the position of savings agreed in the business plan.

1. Revenue Executive Summary

1.1 Overall Position

At the end of 2020/21, the Public Health directorate has underspent on its Public Health Grant funded activities by £-1,731k

1.2 Summary of Revenue position by Directorate

Service	Budget for 2020/21 £000	Actuals £000	Outturn Variance £000	Forecast Outturn Variance %
Children Health	9,247	8,925	-321	-3.5%
Drugs & Alcohol	5,355	5,310	-46	-0.9%
Sexual Health & Contraception	4,916	4,629	-287	-5.8%
Behaviour Change / Preventing Long Term Conditions	3,857	3,328	-529	-13.7%
Falls Prevention	117	59	-58	-49.6%
General Prevention Activities	13	-6	-18	-145.4%
Adult Mental Health & Community Safety	257	327	70	27.3%
Public Health Directorate	7,680	7,139	-541	-7.0%
Total Expenditure	31,442	29,711	-1,731	

Note – Public Health Directorate includes spend funded by the Test and Trace Support Grant and the Contain Outbreak Management Fund

1.3 Significant Issues

A balanced budget was set for Public Health in 2020/21 funded wholly by the ring-fenced Public Health Grant. This grant increased by 6.6% in 2020/21, but this came with a number of new burdens. In addition, savings of £242k were identified to deliver the balanced budget.

While the Council facing significant financial pressure as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, a number of business as usual services commissioned within Public Health have underspend this year. These services, with spend driven by activity, have had payments fixed at 2019/20 levels over much of the year to provide guaranteed income to providers; this level is lower than the budgeted activity levels, which assumed some growth. Spend levels have also been impacted as a number of services are delivered through primary care, which has been mostly focused on the pandemic response this year.

As well as this, the overall underspend position is driven partly by not spending the 2020/21 public health grant increase in-year. This grant increase is being invested in 2021/22, but for this year additional effort and spend is Covid-related, and therefore funded by one of the Covid-specific grants.

Despite this underspend on business as usual activity, the work and expenditure of the Public Health Directorate has increased considerably, with nearly a 20% increase in spend funded by Covid grants. Across other Council services the Covid response has also resulted in a very large increase in spend, particularly in the social care response to the pandemic.

The Public Health Directorate line includes budget for spend funded by the £2.5m Track and Trace Support Grant and £15m Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF). These grants can be carried-forward into 2021/22 to provide ongoing funding to several key service in the Covid response. Around £4m across these two grants was spent in 2020/21.

2. Savings Tracker Summary

The final savings tracker for 2020/21 is in appendix 4.

3. Technical Note

A technical financial appendix is included as appendix 3. This appendix covers:

- Grants that have been received by the service, and where these have been more or less than expected
- Budget movements (virements) into or out of Public Health from other services (but not within the service), to show why the budget might be different from that agreed by Full Council
- Service reserves – funds held for specific purposes that may be drawn down in-year or carried-forward – including use of funds and forecast draw-down.

Appendix 1 – PH Service Level Financial Information

Forecast Outturn Variance Previous Previous (Jan)	Service	Budget 2020/21 £000's	Actuals £000's	Outturn Variance £000's	Forecast Outturn Variance %
	Children Health				
0	Children 0-5 PH Programme	7,270	7,263	-6	0%
0	Children 5-19 PH Programme - Non Prescribed	1,706	1,392	-314	-18%
0	Children Mental Health	271	270	-1	0%
0	Children Health Total	9,247	8,925	-321	-3%
	Drugs & Alcohol				
-47	Drug & Alcohol Misuse	5,355	5,310	-46	-1%
-47	Drugs & Alcohol Total	5,355	5,310	-46	-1%
	Sexual Health & Contraception				
39	SH STI testing & treatment - Prescribed	3,675	3,635	-39	-1%
-469	SH Contraception - Prescribed	1,096	760	-336	-31%
74	SH Services Advice Prevention/Promotion - Non-Prescribed	146	234	88	60%
-356	Sexual Health & Contraception Total	4,916	4,629	-287	-6%
	Behaviour Change / Preventing Long Term Conditions				
-10	Integrated Lifestyle Services	2,057	2,073	16	1%
22	Other Health Improvement	493	487	-6	-1%
-168	Smoking Cessation GP & Pharmacy	683	466	-216	-32%
-325	NHS Health Checks Programme - Prescribed	625	302	-323	-52%
-480	Behaviour Change / Preventing Long Term Conditions Total	3,857	3,328	-529	-14%
	Falls Prevention				
-8	Falls Prevention	117	59	-58	-50%
-8	Falls Prevention Total	117	59	-58	-50%
	General Prevention Activities				
-19	General Prevention, Traveller Health	13	-6	-18	-145%
-19	General Prevention Activities Total	13	-6	-18	-145%
	Adult Mental Health & Community Safety				
-0	Adult Mental Health & Community Safety	257	327	70	27%
-0	Adult Mental Health & Community Safety Total	257	327	70	27%
	Public Health Directorate				
-528	Public Health Strategic Management	928	400	-528	-57%
0	Test and Trace Support Grant	1,430	1,430	0	0%
0	Contain Outbreak Management Fund	2,790	2,790	0	0%
0	Lateral Flow Testing Grant	656	656	0	0%
0	Children's Health	280	241	-39	-14%
0	Drugs & Alcohol	228	228	0	0%
0	Sexual Health & Contraception	156	102	-54	-35%
0	Prevention Long Term Conditions (Behaviour Change)	550	597	47	9%
0	General Prevention (Travellers)	203	204	1	0%
0	Adult Mental Health	21	21	0	0%
0	Health Protection	132	151	19	14%
0	Analysts	306	319	13	4%
-528	Public Health Directorate Total	7,680	7,139	-541	-7%
-1,439	Total Expenditure before Carry-forward	31,442	29,711	-1,731	-6%
	Carry-forward of Public Health Grant		1,686	1,686	
	Funded By				
0	Public Health Grant	-26,414	-26,427	-13	0%
0	Test and Trace Support Grant	-1,430	-1,430	0	0%
0	Lateral Flow Testing Grant	-2,790	-2,790	0	0%
0	Contain Outbreak Management Fund	-656	-656	0	0%
0	Drawdown From Reserves	-151	-94	57	38%
0	Funding Total	-31,441	-31,397	44	0%

Appendix 2 – Service Commentaries on Forecast Outturn Position

This section has more detailed commentary on those budget lines above that are projecting a significant variation against budget.

- Children Health – this budget line has underspent by £321k due to additional grant funding previously agreed and transferred into the budget remaining unspent in 20/21 as response to the pandemic took priority. This funding will transfer back to reserves but will be re-allocated to this service in 2021/22.
- Sexual Health & Contraception – this service has a small Covid-related pressure due to an inability to access funding from Sexual and Reproductive Health Procurement assigned to the new Sexual Health Prevention Services until April 1st 2021. This is more than offset by due to activity on prescribed testing being lower than the level budgeted for. Over the Covid period, we have paid commissioned providers based on 2019/20 activity levels to provide some certainty; without this arrangement spend would likely have been considerably lower and presented a sustainability problem to providers. Budgets for this service were set based on an assumed higher level of activity that has been impacted by Covid.
- Behaviour Change / Preventing Long Term Conditions – this service is projecting an underspend for much the same reason as the service above. Activity levels over the Covid period have not reached the level originally budgeted for, and in particular the underspend is largely related to the services provided by Primary Care where some services were paused nationally in the initial lockdown and subsequently GP practices are focusing on supporting the vaccination programme.
- Public Health Directorate – this line shows an underspend due to the portion of the 2020/21 Public Health Grant increase that went un-used in 2020/21 as the directorate focused on the response to Covid, and other government grant funding was provided for additional spend requirements.

Appendix 3 – Technical Appendix

Public Health Grant

Grant	Originally Expected £000	Actuals £000
Public Health Grant as per Business Plan	26,071	27,248
Grant allocated as follows:		
Public Health Directorate	25,237	26,414
People & Communities Directorate	293	283
Place & Economy Directorate	120	130
Corporate and Customer Services Directorate	201	201
Resources Directorate (formerly LGSS services)	220	220
Total	26,071	27,248

Covid Grants

These grants are given by the Department for Health and Social Care for the purposes of delivering services linked to the pandemic and are governed by the Health Protection Board. In appendix 1 above, only the amount of grant spent in 2020/21 is shown, with the rest transferred to an earmarked reserve for spend in 2021/22.

Grant	Amount £000	Spend £00	Notes
Test and Trace Service Support Grant	2,493	1,430	Awarded in June 2020. Grant can be carried forward.
Contain Outbreak Management Fund	15,311	2,790	First awarded in October 2020 and topped up monthly, with further allocation in 2021/22. Can be carried forward.
Lateral Flow Testing Grant	656	656	Grant funding to operate rapid testing sites across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

Virements and Budget Reconciliation

(Virements between Public Health and other service blocks)

No such virements have been performed in-year.

Reserves Schedule

Fund Reference	Fund Description	Balance at 1 April 2020 £000	Closing Balance £000	Notes
	General Reserve			
PH0	Public Health Grant carry-forward	1,134	2,987	
	Other Earmarked Reserves			
PH1	Healthy Fenland Fund	98	98	Anticipated spend £100k per year over 5 years.
PH2	Falls Prevention Fund	188	188	Joint project with the NHS
PH3	NHS Healthchecks programme	270	270	Usage to be considered by Member working group
PH4	Implementation of Cambridgeshire Public Health Integration Strategy	234	140	
PH5	Enhanced Falls Prevention Pilot	804	804	Anticipated spend over three years, which needs to be profiled
	Subtotal	1,594	1,500	
	Total	2,728	4,487	

Appendix 4 – Savings Tracker

Savings Tracker 2020-21

		Planned	Forecast Savings 2020-21 £000									
		-242	-48	-55	-60	-62	-225	17				
RAG	Reference	Title	Original Saving 20-21	Current Forecast Phasing - Q1	Current Forecast Phasing - Q2	Current Forecast Phasing - Q3	Current Forecast Phasing - Q4	Forecast Saving 20-21	Variance from Plan £000	% Variance	Direction of travel	Forecast Commentary
Green	E/R.6.033	Drug & Alcohol service - funding reduction built in to new service contract	-127	-32	-32	-32	-31	-127	0	0.00	↔	On track
Green	E/R.6.034	Recommissioning of the Integrated Contraception and Sexual Health (iCASH) Service contract	-15	-4	-4	-4	-3	-15	0	0.00	↔	On track
Green	E/R.6.042	Joint re-procurement of Sexual Health Services	-50	-12	-12	-12	-14	-50	0	0.00	↔	On track
Amber	E/R.6.043	Joint re-procurement of Integrated Lifestyle Services	-50	0	-7	-12	-14	-33	17	34.00	↔	Delivery of this saving has been delayed due to Covid-19

Key to RAG ratings:

Total saving	Over £500k	100-500k	Below 100k
Black	100% non-achieving	100% non-achieving	100% non-achieving
Red	% variance more than 19%	-	-
Amber	Underachieving by 14% to 19%	% variance more than 15%	% variance more than 19%
Green	% variance less than 14%	% variance less than 19%	% variance less than 19%
Blue	Over-achieving	Over-achieving	Over-achieving