

Draft Equality Impact Analysis (EIA)

Health, Adult Social Care and Social Inclusion

Budget Proposals 2017/18

Public Health

The impact of 2017-18 efficiencies proposals is detailed in this report. They are grouped into transformation projects, procurement and contract efficiencies, reconfiguration of services and in other efficiencies. Detailed EIAs will be carried out at the time the proposals are in development when the potential impact can be fully assessed. All expenditure and savings will be contained within the ring-fenced Public Health Grant Budget and earmarked reserves.

Sexual Health Services

2016-17 Budget	2017-18 Proposed Budget	2017-18 Savings
£5,768k	£5,554k	(£214k)

The contract for providing community sexual health and reproductive services (contraception) will lead to savings through re-negotiating existing activity. There will also be more emphasis on long-acting methods of contraception, which have a lower cost. There is also a planned reprocurement of the genito-urinary medicine (GUM) contract, which will promote channel shift to online and postal sampling rather than clinical sampling. This will have one-off set-up costs in 2017-18, then realising savings from 2018-19 onwards.

The proposed remodelling of services will continue to offer open access and ensure that the services are accessible to all, therefore there should be no changes for those groups who hold protected characteristics.

Substance Misuse Services

2016-17 Budget	2017-18 Proposed Budget	2017-18 Savings
£4,870k	£4,570k	(£300k)

The newly procured detox placement contracts have coped with the levels of demand in the borough. Therefore, the £300K allocated from the risk and transformation fund (held to address any pressures from new contracts) is not required.

The redesigned services provided the opportunity to strive for disabled friendly premises and will enable disabled friendly refurbishment. Inclusion of ramps, wide door frames, info in braille, U-loop, lifts or wheelchair friendly design.

The most common age of service users is 30-40, with many having been in treatment for long periods of time. Re-commissioned services have renewed focus

on engaging older drinkers, which is shown to be cost effective by avoiding long term care and health interventions later on.

The prevalence of substance misuse issues amongst some of the more marginalised ethnic groups, accompanied by cultural stigma and shame associated with substance misuse, has led to commissioned services which focus on engaging BME substance misusers into treatment. Services are provided on an in-reach basis at venues best suited to meet the needs of this group and staff members will be knowledgeable in the cultures individuals are from. Service information and advice is available in a wide range of languages.

Behaviour Change

2016-17 Budget	2017-18 Proposed Budget	2017-18 Savings
£2,537k	£2,396k	(£141k)

Within Behaviour Change, an element of activity is for Health Checks, which are aimed at older residents within the borough. As part of efficiency proposals, the Health Trainers element of Health Checks is proposed to be reduced, as it has not been required at the level that was anticipated.

There will be no adverse impact and residents accessing the service will not notice any difference.

Families and Children

2016-17 Budget	2017-18 Proposed Budget	2017-18 Savings
£6,441k	£6,216k	(£225k)

The majority of services within Families and Children's provide universal services to families with children. The efficiency proposals are related to School Nursing and Health Visiting; the proposal doesn't affect how the service is received by residents of the borough.

For School Nursing, a new contract has been procured, which led to a saving when compared to the former contract. In Health Visiting, the contract was transferred to LBHF from the NHS, with 2016-17 being the first full year of operation by the Council. The efficiency proposal is for a reduction in overheads, which will not change the way in which Hammersmith and Fulham residents access this universal service.