

CORE OFFER BUDGET FOR PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE 0-19 YEARS

WHY DOES THE COUNCIL HAVE TO PROVIDE THIS SERVICE AND WHAT DOES IT NEED TO COVER?

This service is provided under the Public Health duties of the Council transferred in 2013 and amended in 2015 to include the mandated Public Health responsibilities for 0-5 children services, which transferred to the Council in October 2015.

- Section 12 Health and Social Care Act 2012 outlines duty for all upper-tier and unitary local authorities in England to take appropriate steps to improve the health of the people who live in their areas
- Section 6C of the NHS Act 2006 require local authorities to take particular steps in exercise of their Public Health functions, or aspects of the Secretary of State's public health functions.
- Part 2 of the Local Authorities (Public Health Functions and Entry to Premises by Local Healthwatch Representatives) Regulations 2013 (SI 2013/351) makes provision for the steps to be taken by local authorities in exercising their public health functions. In particular:-
 - Regulation 3 requires local authorities to provide for the weighing and measuring of certain children in their area (including age and school type).
- Section 31 of the 2012 Act which requires local authorities to have regard to guidance from the Secretary of State when exercising their Public Health function and Section 237 of the 2012 Act which also requires local authorities to comply with National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) recommendations to fund treatments under their Public Health functions.
- Both the mandated 0-5 and National Child Measurement programme are defined in statute as a Mandated Public Health Service under Section 2B in NHS Act 2006

This service needs to provide the Healthy Child Pathway to meet the needs for over 25,000 children from birth to age 19 years in Darlington through the provision of both the universal and targeted services required through regulation. This includes providing ante-natal, new born and infant visits and assessments for 6,600 children under 5 years, assessments, interventions and support for 15,500 children and young people attending the 39 schools and other educational establishments, undertaking nearly 10,000 individual assessments of height and weight in children in reception and Year 6 in Darlington every year and providing their family with individualised feedback. The service also is required to provide specific and target support and interventions for children, young people and families who have special educational needs, who are 'Looked After' by the Authority, excluded or not attending school.

HOW DOES THE CORE OFFER BUDGET MEET THE COUNCIL'S OBLIGATIONS?

The Core Offer budget of £2,037,030 by 2019/20 will continue to meet the Council's obligations by ensuring:-

- A Universal Service mandated through regulation including the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP)
- Public Health Services 0 – 5, Health Child Programme (HCP) required by regulation
- Support for other mandated programmes commissioned by others, including immunisations, safeguarding and Looked After Children (LAC) and contraceptive advice and support
- Support for other local authority services, including educational support and family crisis support.
- Targeted support and intervention for young women and families identified as at risk of further teenage conceptions following a confirmed teenage pregnancy is provided.
- Parents and children have access to specialised services through referral to Paediatrics, parenting, educational, and psychosocial interventions.

DOES THIS DIFFER FROM THE CURRENT SERVICE?

No. This contract has recently been subject to a competitive tendering process with a new specification which asks for an innovative model to deliver the Healthy Child Programme and improve outcomes for children, young people and their families in Darlington. This process delivered significant savings of when compared to the previous contract. The way the service is provided will change including the numbers and types of staff, locations and settings that children, young people and their families access these services and may well be different to what they are now.

WHAT IS THE CORE BUDGET MADE UP OF?

The budget of **£2,101,288 by 2019/20** provides a single contract to provide all the mandated 0-19 Public Health Services for over 25,000 children and young people aged 0-19 in Darlington. (Includes £64,258 overheads).