

Healthy Pupils Capital Funding – Proposals for identifying local need

Report of the Director of Children's Services

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1. Purpose

- 1.1. The Forum is asked to endorse the proposed approach to the administration of the Healthy Pupils Capital Fund and agree the criteria by which schemes are identified and the money allocated.
- 1.2. Updates on progress will be presented to the Forum alongside updates on the School Condition Allocation.

2. Background

- 2.1. 2018/19 sees the introduction of a one-off capital fund arising from the Soft Drinks Industry Levy or Sugar Tax. The money is distributed by the DFE and is known as the Healthy Pupils Capital Fund.
- 2.2. All Responsible Bodies (local authorities, diocese and MATs (5 plus schools)) receiving School Condition Allocations will have a separately identified amount of funding. Funding amounts are published online for individual responsible bodies (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/capital-allocations>). This includes Hertfordshire County Council receiving £1.086m for maintained schools, and £268k going to the two Diocese for VA schools. The amount for individual MATs is also published although this is not aggregated by local authority.
- 2.3. Individual academies do not receive a separate amount but can bid through Condition Improvement Fund for funding of suitable schemes.
- 2.4. The HPCF is intended to improve children's and young people's physical and mental health by improving and increasing availability to facilities for physical activity, healthy eating, mental health and wellbeing and medical conditions.

- 2.5. Responsible bodies are able to pool funding or take advantage of match-funding opportunities where appropriate.
- 2.6. The ESFA provides guidance on the use of the HPCF although Responsible Bodies have the flexibility to distribute funding based on local priorities and need.
- 2.7. The EFSA will be expecting an account of how the money was spent during the year alongside the annual return in September / October 2019. Forum should note that the funding is ring-fenced for capital but is not time-bound. It is however our intention to utilise the funding within the year as far as is practically possible.

3. Evidence base

- 3.1. Public Health colleagues have been asked to review the evidence and identify any areas of particular need where investment might be directed. The results of this are set out below.
- 3.2. The primary indicator of pupil health is the weight checks undertaken on entry to primary school (reception – rising 5) and again in year 6 (age 10). This data can be analysed at various levels.
- 3.3. At a district level this suggests the following geographical hotspots:
 - Reception – Broxbourne and Dacorum
 - Year 6 – Broxbourne, Stevenage and Watford
- 3.4. Individual school based data identifies schools with statistically significant higher rates of excess weight across the county. A number of these schools are outside the districts identified above.
- 3.5. Physical activity data is not available for children. However, wider population measures about the levels of physical activity indicate that the areas with the lowest engagement in physical activity are Broxbourne, Hertsmere and Stevenage.

4. Possible interventions

- 4.1. The guidance envisages a wide range of possible interventions including those targeting diet and eating; physical activity and mental well-being. Examples include:
 - Sports halls and pitches
 - Running tracks (daily mile etc), outdoor gyms
 - Dining and catering facilities

- Works to deliver space for mental health support, counselling, mindfulness
 - Swimming pools, hydrotherapy etc
- 4.2. There is no evidence to suggest that any one intervention is better than the others reflecting the fact that pupil health is a complex issue with many causal factors. Each specific intervention should however have some clear measurable indicators that should be identified and schools be expected to monitor in return for any successful funding.

5. Other opportunities

- 5.1. Discussions have taken place with the Herts Sports Partnership (HSP) which has an oversight of the funding given to schools under the Schools Sports Premium. It is considered that it would be prudent to ensure that schemes are complimentary to this funding stream by adding value to rather than off-setting.
- 5.2. HSP is also working with schools to support a number of sports related initiatives and it would be good to incentivise schemes where they would be complimentary. These include:
- The Daily Mile
 - Hertfordshire Fit, Fed and Read programme
 - Outdoor Teaching Areas – work with Groundwork / Laing Foundation
 - Sporting Futures (Stevenage) Training
 - School Games
 - Emerging results from the Active Lives Children and Young People survey
- 5.3. Discussions have also taken place with the HCC Safe and Sustainable Travel team who work with schools and advise on school travel plans. It is considered that many of the initiatives identified within School Travel Plans could also be suitable for funding including:
- Cycle and scooter sheds where they enable active travel
 - Shelters that promote active travel in all weathers

6. Proposed Approach

- 6.1. The data identifies target schools and districts where the benefits will deliver the biggest impact on health inequality. These areas should be considered a priority and more proactive effort made to solicit applications and schemes in coming forward.

- 6.2. Potential schemes from other areas should not however be discounted as they will undoubtedly bring benefits that can be measured. They will not however be prioritised if there is pressure on funding.
- 6.3. A basic scoring mechanism is therefore proposed that will effectively prioritise schemes that deliver the following benefits:
- Delivers in the target districts
 - Delivers in the target schools
 - Has clear benefits for the wider community or other local schools
 - Enables or complements one or more of the other pupil health related initiatives
 - Secures match-funding
- 6.4. All proposals will be expected to include clear measurable outcomes and proposals for how they will be monitored. They will also be assessed for deliverability.
- 6.5. Sponsors will be expected to set out the route for scheme delivery. The County Council will undertake oversight and seek a range of evidence and assurance of costs and quality where the scheme involves construction.
- 6.6. Scheme sponsors will be asked to submit bids using an adapted version of the One Page Business Case (attached) used for other condition related funding. They will be expected to submit cost estimates which for small schemes can be based on a simple quote but for larger schemes will be expected to provide a professional estimate.
- 6.7. It is anticipated that a range of schemes will come forward in excess of the available funding. It is therefore proposed that a deadline is set for submissions and that this is advertised via the School Heads and Business Managers Network.
- 6.8. It is proposed that a submissions panel is made up of the following:
- HCC Property Representative
 - HCC Public Health Representative
 - Herts Sports Partnership Representative
- 6.9. Communication of the proposals will be made through a combination of school Headteachers, Business Managers and Heads of PE. All submissions will be expected to be endorsed by the relevant Headteacher.

7. Summary and next steps

- 7.1. Forum is asked for comments on the approach and agreement to proceed as proposed. The process will be administered alongside the Schools Condition Allocation by the HCC Property team.

7.2. Proposed timetable

- September 2018 - Schools Forum endorse proposed approach
- September 2018 - Scheme criteria published
- October 2018 – Date for initial submissions
- November 2018 – panel determines shortlist schemes
- December 2018 – March 2019 – scheme delivery

7.3. Progress will be reported to Schools Forum alongside an update on the Schools Condition Allocation in November 2018.

Background papers and information

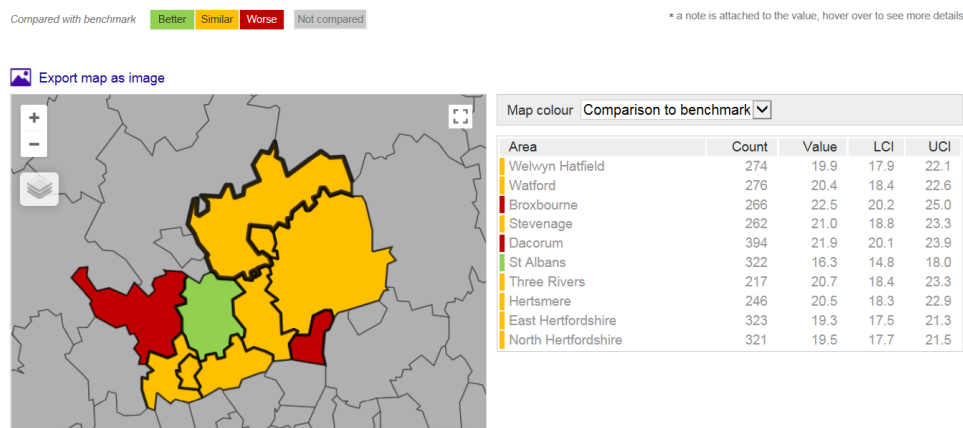
Healthy Pupils Capital Funding Guidance (2017) ESFA

Obesity: identification, assessment and management (November 2014) NICE

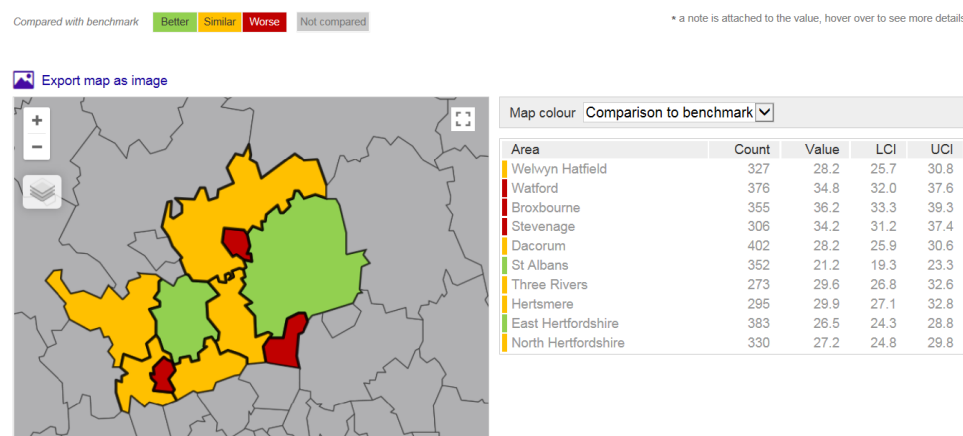
Clinical guideline [CG189]

District Level data

Reception: Prevalence for overweight (including obese)



Year 6: Prevalence for overweight (including obese)



Business Case Form



Schools OPBC -
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