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Dear Mark

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

The NHS West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (WYICB) is pleased to respond to your request for information and provide the information set out below.

Request / Response

In the NHS Core Allocation to Integrated Care Boards 2022/3 the ICB was allocated £10.724 m in funding to specifically address Health Inequalities.

Could you please provide me with the following information:

How was this funding distributed across local authority areas in the ICB area?

This funding is part of the national Core 20 plus 5 programme aimed at reducing health inequalities in access to healthcare as well as to support system leadership in reducing health inequalities.

The funding was allocated in line with the West Yorkshire strategic ambitions and the West Yorkshire Five Year Plan, as well as the Health and Wellbeing Board strategies. A set of principles for how the money would be spend were agree and were in line with the ways of working for the Integrated Care System.

Data and intelligence was used to inform the targeting and distribution of the spend. Given the high levels of deprivation in West Yorkshire, with 22% of the population



residing in the 10% most deprived areas, a decision was made to target the spend at those in the 10% most deprived areas rather than the 20% most deprived to allow targeting the resource spend.

The distribution of the funding was agreed by the WY Core 20 plus 5 steering group. Allocation was split into funding aimed at reducing inequalities in access, experience and outcomes for people in deprivation and for populations with protected characteristics and inclusion health groups.

Of the total allocation, 58% are being used to support people living in the most deprived areas in West Yorkshire. The majority was allocated proportionate to the size of the population in areas within the most deprived centiles to the 5 places (50% of total funding) and the remainder is being used to support system leadership as well as increase capacity and capability to reduce inequalities across West Yorkshire (8%).

The remaining, 42% of the total funding is being spent to reduce inequalities in access, experience and outcomes for inclusion health groups and populations with protected characteristics. Of the total resource, 30% has been allocated proportionate to population size to the 5 places to be allocated as defined by local assessment of need. The remaining 12% were allocated at a West Yorkshire population footprint for a targeted focus on inclusion health.

In WY the money was distributed to local authority area as follows proportionate to need in the respective populations:

Place	Core 20	Plus at place	total
Bradford*	1,989,302	792,648	2,781,950
Calderdale	316,358	276,679	593,037
Kirklees	563,010	553,358	1,116,368
Leeds	1,930,320	1,113,151	3,043,471
Wakefield	563,010	479,363	1,042,373
* for plus at place allocation is for Bradford District and Craven			8,577,199

What was this funding used for - which specific programmes were funded?

The majority of the funding was allocated to the 5 places (50 % to reduce inequalities linked to deprivation and 30 % to reduce health inequalities linked to specific Inclusion groups.)

Local places decide how this spend is used, in line with the agreed principles and a focus on inclusive elective recovery to support people on long waits for elective procedures and to reduce the gap in people added to waiting. There is also a focus on



whole pathway inclusive elective recovery in addition to the inequalities in waiting times to include first outpatient attendances, waiting well initiatives and reducing inequalities in referrals.

Local places were encouraged to focus on targeted prevention initiatives tailored to local need that meet the 5 clinical priority areas. It was agreed to also target the resource locally around the 5 clinical areas for primary, secondary and tertiary prevention towards areas of higher deprivation. Developing alternative service models to actively seek out communities to make preventative interventions more accessible, including close working with the community and VCSE sector was also agreed.

If funding was retained centrally by the ICB how much was retained and what has it been used for?

No resource was held “centrally”; the five places in West Yorkshire collectively determined that there were a range of initiatives that would make a significant impact on reducing health inequalities if done at scale on a West Yorkshire footprint. This included:

- population health co-ordination and leadership
- West Yorkshire Health Inequalities Academy Website
- Health Equity Fellowship Programme Resource
- Evaluation and insight
- Health Inequalities system training
- Joint commissioning functions
- Funding for insight and VCSE capacity
- West Yorkshire-wide tailored service interventions (Inclusion Health Unit)

I trust that this provides the information you require, for any further queries or support, please contact the FOI team on the contact details above, quoting the relevant FOI reference number.

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Yours sincerely

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