

Proposals for service change, income generation and efficiencies Public Health

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	2018/2019 Budget £000	2019/2020 Proposed Reduction £000	Anticipated Outcomes	Associated Risks
Proposals to meet reduction in ring-fenced Public Health grant				
Adult Substance Misuse – see proposal below as well	2,559	10	<p>The savings are expected to be found solely by the NHS provider (Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust) through the following changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further streamlining of the management structure • Reduced ‘patient-facing’ time, which has the potential to impact on practitioner roles • Considering the ability to deliver a further reduction in medical sessions for the prescribing of opiate substitute therapy • Consideration whether certain populations can be offered safe and effective services which do not require regular or frequent contact with the treatment service e.g. implement a low-intensity treatment model. 	<p>There will be a potential impact on other services which these service users often use such as GP Practices, Accident and Emergency Departments, Police, emergency accommodation provision, and the community and voluntary sector.</p> <p>The following potential risks have been identified at this stage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One-to-one support may be replaced by group support and there may be less frequent appointments/reduced specialist clinics and sub-services. • Reduced numbers of people may successfully complete treatment with service users possibly having sustained periods of dependence on services such as housing, Safeguarding (Children’s and Adult’s), Children’s Services, opiate substitute therapy prescribing etc. • Reduced successful recovery rates for those

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				<p>in treatment, which could lead to poorer outcomes for individuals in terms of employability, independence and economic activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased risk of prolonged criminality for people using drugs • Decreased responsiveness between Substance Misuse Services and other services • Potentially a reduced ability of the service to maintain existing levels of service user monitoring of treatment compliance and capacity to address concerns • Existing health inequalities across Torbay could widen and could lead to early mortality in this vulnerable and complex service user group. <p>While the risks are balanced by the fact that the numbers of people using this specialist service represent a small proportion of people in Torbay, the potential risks and impacts described above could create greater demand and cost pressures for the wider Local Authority services and partner agencies.</p> <p><i>Equality Impact Assessment prepared</i></p>

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Proposals to meet overall Council targets				
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