

# Equality Impact Assessment



Hampshire  
County Council

## Demand Management and Prevention Grants 2019/2020 (Local Solutions and County Wide)

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### Description of current service/policy

The award of grants to the voluntary and community sector to support people to live long, healthy and happy lives with the maximum possible independence, as part of the demand management and Prevention strategy.

Grants are currently advertised by Adults Health and Care on a 6 monthly basis, under the banner of the Local Solutions Grant program. Countywide grants were last offered 2 years ago and the new grants advertised are to renew the services currently being offered in the community.

Adults Health would like to seek to address gaps in support services in certain localities, identified by the detailed location work which has taken place, through the advertised Local Solutions Grants.

Geographical impact: All  
Hampshire

### Description of proposed change

All the Local Solutions Grants recommended for award are new and have not been awarded to any organisation for these purposes before. These are in addition to other grants currently awarded on behalf of Adults' Health

Local Solutions Grant are new grants to provide services addressing locally identified needs. These areas identified in this round have been chosen by scale of existing social care need and demographic data. There is intention to hold future grant rounds so that each district is reached.

The countywide grants have been provided before and funding proposed in this paper will seek to extend funding for an additional period of time.

Total grants in paper= £712,693

## Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

## Engagement and consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out? Yes

The Local Solutions Grants have been shaped in their design by local stakeholder engagement, including those working in the local voluntary community sector, local councillors as well as staff working for Adults' Health and Care, Health and from local councils. Each of the grants panels was held locally with representatives from the local community part of the decision making process. The Countywide Grants fund services which have already been provided in the community with ongoing assessments and evaluations carried out on effectiveness of the solutions by Officers on a regular basis. Consultation is carried out with users and case- studies and client volumes monitored on a regular basis.

<b>Statutory considerations</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>
<b>Age:</b> Positive	Both the Local Solutions Grants and the Connector Grants will seek to offer either new or expanded services to Older Adults aged over 65 years.	
<b>Disability:</b> Positive	The Local Solutions Grants offer a specific service (Peer Support) which will seek to address a gap in support provision for residents of working age with a physical disability. The Autism Support Grant seeks to continue the support offered to clients with Autism and their families.	
<b>Sexual orientation:</b> Neutral		

<b>Race:</b> Neutral		
<b>Religion and belief:</b> Neutral		
<b>Gender reassignment:</b> Neutral		
<b>Gender:</b> Neutral		
<b>Marriage and civil partnership:</b> Neutral		
<b>Pregnancy and maternity:</b> Neutral		
<b>Other policy considerations</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>
<b>Poverty:</b> Positive	Some of the Local Solutions Grants will fund services in communities identified of higher deprivation, with the aim that the services to be funded will improve access to support that otherwise might be prevented due to cost. Furthermore some organisations recommended for funding will be offering services designed to maximise a user's income through benefit checking, support with financial management and giving assistance with benefit claims.	

<b>Rurality:</b> Neutral		
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## **Neutrality statement (if all considerations have a neutral impact)**

### **Any other information**

Some Districts (Winchester and Test Valley) were not eligible for funding in the current round of Local Solutions Grants. This is owing to priority being made to areas where a detailed review of existing local provision and need has already taken place by a member of the DM&P Team, with areas not covered to be detailed and advertised in forthcoming grant rounds. Subject to Exec approval, further rounds of funding are to be made available under this grant stream and will include these Districts.