



COMHAIRLE NAN EILEAN SIAR

19 June 2024

Proposed Funding for a Mental Health Service

Report by Depute Chief Officer Health and Social Care

PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of the Report is to provide information in relation to the Notice of Motion proposing an allocation of Island Cost Crisis Emergency Funding (ICCEF) funding of £50k to the Western Isles Association of Mental Health (WIAMH) for 2024/25.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Comhairle commissions services from the Western Isles Association of Mental Health (WIAMH) on behalf of the Integration Joint Board. The annual grant for 2024/25 is £12,300 and this includes the in-year allocations for social care salary providers uplifts. Commissioning arrangements with mental health services are dealt with independently of the Comhairle.
- 2.2 On receipt of the Notice of Motion the Comhairle commissioning officer met with the organisation's representative. The activity data relating to the services provided is pending confirmation. The view expressed by WIAMH is that the additional service provision which this funding would support relates to mental health services. To escalate this matter appropriately, the Comhairle Commissioning team is facilitating a meeting with mental health services and WIAMH.
- 2.3 On the basis that the Comhairle should agree to allocate additional funding from the Island Cost Crisis Emergency Funding for Health and Social Care Services, this allocation should be made through the established processes of the Comhairle Commissioning team. The provision of funding would be managed on the same basis as current commissioning arrangements incorporating a review of business cases with exit strategies for non-recurring investment and making provision for the Emergency Funding criteria.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the Report.

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Appendix:	None	
Background Papers:	None	

IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The following implications are applicable in terms of the Report.

Resource Implications	Implications/None
Financial	The financial aspects of the Comhairle contractual arrangement with WIAMH is detailed at section 2.1.
Legal	None
Staffing	The commissioned service which is the subject of the Notice of Motion has indicated that increased staffing has been required to address referrals to the service, exceeding their financial provision.
Assets and Property	None
Strategic Implications	Implications/None
Risk	The Comhairle has an established relationship with the commissioned service. The outstanding activity data will require to be considered by all commissioners of the service in the first instance to evaluate risk from a funding and resourcing perspective.
Equalities	n/a
Corporate Strategy	n/a
Environmental Impact	n/a
Consultation	n/a