

Agenda for Change update for Local Authority commissioned public health services

- The local authority public health grant has been confirmed at £3.13bn in line with the Spending Review settlement. This does not include the funding for additional, cumulative impact of Agenda for Change (AfC) pay deal in 19/20 over the 1% per annum assumed for 2018/19 and 2019/20.
- In order that this does not impact on the ability of NHS providers to meet their obligations to staff and deliver existing public health services commissioned by local authorities in 2019/20, NHS England & Improvement will address this issue for NHS providers with specific non-recurrent transitional relief arrangements to be confirmed in due course. In line with this, the additional pay uplift for AfC and associated costs should not be reflected in contractual arrangements with Local Authorities for 2019/20 only for the public health services they currently commission from NHS providers.
- DHSC will confirm in due course the corresponding arrangements for making funding available to eligible non-NHS providers delivering LA commissioned public health services.
- This arrangement means local authorities should not have to manage a direct commissioning pressure in 19/20 above the 1% per annum for these services as a result of the additional costs of the pay deal.