

EQIA Submission – ID Number

Section A

EQIA Title

Stop Smoking Services and Support Grant

Responsible Officer

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Approved by (Note: approval of this EqIA must be completed within the EqIA App)

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Type of Activity

Service Change

No

Service Redesign

No

Project/Programme

Project/Programme

Commissioning/Procurement

Commissioning/Procurement

Strategy/Policy

No

Details of other Service Activity

No

Accountability and Responsibility

Directorate

Adult Social Care and Health

Responsible Service

Integrated Commissioning

Responsible Head of Service

Victoria Tovey - CED SC

Responsible Director

Anjan Ghosh - CED SC

Aims and Objectives

On 4 October 2023, the government published Stopping the start: our new plan to create a smokefree generation . This included a programme of funding to support current smokers to quit smoking, with £70 million additional funding per year for local stop smoking services and support.

This new funding is in addition to the Public Health Grant and is being provided through a new Section 31 Grant on top of the current Public Health Grant allocations. The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) will provide the grant and the additional funding will be used to complement and enhance existing stop smoking services in Kent.

Kent County Council (KCC) received the full grant agreement in February 2024, detailing the relevant conditions and the full funding allocation for 2024/25, £1,944,823.

The grant agreement came into effect on 1 April 2024, therefore activity will need to be mobilised quickly in line with procurement regulations.

The additional funding is a great opportunity for KCC to increase and enhance the stop smoking service offer for Kent residents and therefore improve outcomes (measured through 4 week quits). The funding

will be used to build demand and capacity in stop smoking services and increase targeting.

The additional funding is anticipated to be provided over the next five financial years, starting from 2024-25 until 2028-29. The grant agreement covers the first year, with funding for subsequent years subject to spending review settlements, following the routine practice for all government expenditure.

It is proposed that commissioning activity is undertaken to enhance the stop smoking services and support available for residents of Kent. Work is underway to plan commissioning activity for 2024/25 and future years. All planned activity is in line with the Grant Conditions and will aim to increase the number of people in Kent quitting smoking. This planned activity is summarised below:

- Commission a service with a focus on engaging and motivating smokers from priority groups (identified by the needs assessment) into services and deliver quit attempts
- Commission a dedicated stop smoking service for young people
- Commission alternative models of Support

Services will be commissioned so they are able to innovate and change. It will be a requirement that the services collaborate with people who smoke to further enhance understanding on how they would like to be supported and how services should be delivered. This intelligence will be used to innovate and enhance the service offer. Insights gathered as part of the Public Health Transformation Programme will also be used to support in the development of service provision.

It is also proposed that a 'Stop Smoking Service Framework' will be used to determine spend of local stop smoking service grant funding and support decision making. Under this Framework all expenditure of Local Stop Smoking Services and Support Grant funding must be in line with budget forecasting and adhere to DHSC Local Stop Smoking Services and Support Grant terms and conditions. Proposals for spend must meet one of the following criteria:

- A. Will support the council in enhancing commissioned stop smoking services and support. This should not replace other/existing programmes which support smokers to quit, for example the tobacco dependency programme delivered within the NHS Long Term Plan
- B. Will support the council to build capacity to deliver expanded local stop smoking services and support
- C. Will build demand for local stop smoking services and support
- D. Will support the council to deliver increases in the number of people setting a quit date and 4 week quit outcomes

The Stop Smoking Service Framework will allow for the ability to deliver pilots, short-term services and expeditionary realign Stop Smoking Services and Support Grant funded services, to meet changing needs and demands, providing all revised proposals meet the criteria

Work is underway to plan activity for 2024/25 and future years. All planned activity is in line with the Grant Conditions and adheres to the proposed Framework criteria. This planned activity is summarised below:

- Increase KCC Public Health, strategic leadership and commissioning capacity on a temporary basis to deliver this work at pace and measure the impact and outcomes.
- Increase awareness of stop smoking services.

This EQIA will investigate the planned activity and the potential positive or negative impact it will have on protected groups and characteristics.

Section B – Evidence

Do you have data related to the protected groups of the people impacted by this activity?

Yes

It is possible to get the data in a timely and cost effective way?
Yes
Is there national evidence/data that you can use?
Yes
Have you consulted with stakeholders?
Yes
Who have you involved, consulted and engaged with?
Internal stakeholders: - Public Health specialists and Consultants - Integrated Health Commissioning - KPHO - KCC Members External Stakeholders: - Other LA Commissioning/PH teams - National Public Health Teams
Has there been a previous Equality Analysis (EQIA) in the last 3 years?
No
Do you have evidence that can help you understand the potential impact of your activity?
Yes
Section C – Impact
Who may be impacted by the activity?
Service Users/clients Service users/clients
Staff No
Residents/Communities/Citizens Residents/communities/citizens
Are there any positive impacts for all or any of the protected groups as a result of the activity that you are doing?
Yes
Details of Positive Impacts
Age - There is already an offer for individuals from the age of 12 upwards in Kent however, this funding will be used to create a young persons focussed offer which should make services more attractive and impactful for Young People. Disability - Funding is being used to fund a service which will focus on engaging, motivating and supporting underserved groups which individuals with disabilities would benefit from. Sex - None identified (service split is 45% male, 55% female) Gender identity/Transgender -Funding is being used to fund a service which will focus on engaging, motivating and supporting underserved groups which LGBTQ+ individuals would benefit from. Race - Funding is being used to fund a service which will focus on engaging, motivating and supporting underserved groups which individuals from Minority Ethnic communities would benefit from. Religion and Belief - None identified Sexual Orientation - Funding is being used to fund a service which will focus on engaging, motivating and

supporting underserved groups which LGBTQ+ individuals would benefit from.

Pregnancy and Maternity - None identified

Marriage and Civil Partnerships - None identified

Carer's Responsibilities - Funding is being used to fund a service which will focus on engaging, motivating and supporting underserved groups which carers would benefit from.

Negative impacts and Mitigating Actions

19. Negative Impacts and Mitigating actions for Age

Are there negative impacts for age?

No. Note: If Question 19a is "No", Questions 19b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval

Details of negative impacts for Age

Not Applicable

Mitigating Actions for Age

Not Applicable

Responsible Officer for Mitigating Actions – Age

Not Applicable

20. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Disability

Are there negative impacts for Disability?

No. Note: If Question 20a is "No", Questions 20b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval

Details of Negative Impacts for Disability

Not Applicable

Mitigating actions for Disability

Not Applicable Not Applicable

Responsible Officer for Disability

Not Applicable

21. Negative Impacts and Mitigating actions for Sex

Are there negative impacts for Sex

No. Note: If Question 21a is "No", Questions 21b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval

Details of negative impacts for Sex

Not Applicable

Mitigating actions for Sex

Not Applicable

Responsible Officer for Sex

Not Applicable

22. Negative Impacts and Mitigating actions for Gender identity/transgender

Are there negative impacts for Gender identity/transgender

No. Note: If Question 22a is "No", Questions 22b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval

Negative impacts for Gender identity/transgender

Not Applicable

Mitigating actions for Gender identity/transgender

Not Applicable

Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Gender identity/transgender

Not Applicable

23. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Race

Are there negative impacts for Race
No. Note: If Question 23a is "No", Questions 23b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval
Negative impacts for Race
Not Applicable
Mitigating actions for Race
Not Applicable
Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Race
Not Applicable
24. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Religion and belief
Are there negative impacts for Religion and belief
No. Note: If Question 24a is "No", Questions 24b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval
Negative impacts for Religion and belief
Not Applicable
Mitigating actions for Religion and belief
Not Applicable
Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Religion and Belief
Not Applicable
25. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Sexual Orientation
Are there negative impacts for Sexual Orientation
No. Note: If Question 25a is "No", Questions 25b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval
Negative impacts for Sexual Orientation
Not Applicable
Mitigating actions for Sexual Orientation
Not Applicable
Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Sexual Orientation
Not Applicable
26. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Pregnancy and Maternity
Are there negative impacts for Pregnancy and Maternity
No. Note: If Question 26a is "No", Questions 26b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval
Negative impacts for Pregnancy and Maternity
Not Applicable
Mitigating actions for Pregnancy and Maternity
Not Applicable
Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Pregnancy and Maternity
Not Applicable
27. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Marriage and Civil Partnerships
Are there negative impacts for Marriage and Civil Partnerships
No. Note: If Question 27a is "No", Questions 27b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval
Negative impacts for Marriage and Civil Partnerships
Not Applicable
Mitigating actions for Marriage and Civil Partnerships
Not Applicable
Responsible Officer for Marriage and Civil Partnerships
Not Applicable
28. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Carer's responsibilities

Are there negative impacts for Carer's responsibilities
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No. Note: If Question 28a is "No", Questions 28b,c,d will state "Not Applicable" when submission goes for approval
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Negative impacts for Carer's responsibilities
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Not Applicable

Mitigating actions for Carer's responsibilities
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Not Applicable

Responsible Officer for Carer's responsibilities

Not Applicable
