

**Health and Sport Committee
NHS Board Accounts 2013-14
Questionnaire Response from NHS Education for Scotland**

Service development

1. Please give THREE examples of service developments that:

(a) you have been able to fund in 2013-14 (please list local service developments, rather than national programmes)

Please note that NHS Education for Scotland is a National Board and as such our developments are predominantly national rather than local, although there may be occasions where we require to respond to particular local circumstances we would still expect the educational solutions developed to have national applicability.

Examples of developments that we have been able to fund in 2013-14 are:

- Funds to provide educational requirements to support integration of health and social care.
- Funding to support educational requirements of extended immunisation
- Funding to support education of staff involved in the field of offender healthcare

(b) you would like to develop if you had additional funding i.e. what is next on your list of priorities?

We anticipate a requirement to be able to provide educational interventions to further support the integration of health and social care. We have made some investment in this area to ensure that we can be fully engaged alongside the developing agenda and we have committed some funding to support small scale educational initiatives, however this is an area in which we would invest further if resources were available.

We would also like to be able to develop further educational support for Healthcare Support Workers, recognising that this is a group of staff who are charged with working with some of our most vulnerable members of society, and there is minimal investment in training and development of these workers. This group represents

a significant population and therefore considerable investment would be required to make a real impact.

(c) you have withdrawn in 2013-14 (and why?).

We have not withdrawn any developments during 2013-14. During this period NES has had to achieve additional and significant savings (£3m). We set ourselves the objective of achieving this without impacting on the areas of our budgets that support expenditure critical to the services offered by Territorial Health Boards (eg the payment of basic salaries for junior doctors, dentists, pre-registration pharmacists, trainee clinical psychologists – our budget in this area totals £280million). We have also set out to fully protect areas of critical educational infrastructure and support.

Preventative spending

2. What specific preventative health programmes are included in your budget plans for 2013-14? (please give details of planned expenditure in 2013-14 compared with 2012-13.)

We have budgeted for programmes at work aimed at assisting in equipping the workforce involved in preventative health programmes with the necessary skills

3. Have you made any assessment of the potential longer term savings from preventative spending? If so, please describe your approach to this modelling.

The longer term savings from preventative spending will be realised by Territorial NHS Boards rather than by NES, as a result we have not taken been involved in this type of modelling.

4. How are the results of any such modelling reflected in your financial planning?

See above

Access to new medicines

5. In relation to spending on new medicines, please provide a total figure for:

(a) Planned spend in 2012-13

(b) Actual spend in 2012-13

(c) Planned spend in 2013-14

NES is a Special Health Board responsible for workforce development. As such we do not procure drugs.

6. For each request for new medicine agreed in 2012-13, please provide details of the medicine concerned, its therapy area, and the costs associated with the request.

See above

Reducing inequalities

7. (a) What specific services are aimed at reducing inequalities? (please include details of Keep Well.)

(b) What is the level of spending on these services in 2012-13 and 2013-14?

(c) What outcome measures have been identified for these services?

(d) What information is available in relation to these outcomes?

As in response to questions above NES as a Special Health Board with a National remit has a different role in relation to reducing inequalities. We provide training and support to programmes such as Child Smile and we fund GP Fellowships in health inequalities.

Resource transfer

8. (a) What level of funding will be transferred from your budget to local authorities in 2013-14 (i.e. resource transfer) and what services will these funds help deliver?

(b) What level of funding will be transferred to your budget from local authorities in 2013-14 and what services will these funds help deliver?

Not applicable

Equalities

9. Can you provide any specific examples of how consideration of equalities issues has influenced budget decisions?

None specific

Sustainable development

10. Can you provide any specific examples of how the NHSScotland sustainable development strategy has influenced budget decisions?

None specific.