

Special External Funding Panel – 10 September 2015

OVERVIEW OF CURRENT AND FORTHCOMING EUROPEAN AND EXTERNAL FUNDING APPLICATIONS

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| Purpose: | To approve continuation funding via Welsh Government for Substance Misuse Action Fund (SMAF) Capital grant for Sands Cymru “The Place” Service. |
| Policy Framework: | Poverty & Prevention Business Plan SMAF funding criteria and priorities CYP Plan |
| Reason for Decision: | All external funding applications made by the City & County of Swansea must be approved by the LA External Funding Panel. |
| Consultation: | Legal, Finance and Access to Services. Poverty & Prevention Service |
| Recommendation(s): | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The City & County of Swansea should approve continuation funding to Sands Cymru for an accommodation lease within INFONATION for “The Place” service.2. The City & County of Swansea agrees to undertake the grant claim and payment process to pass on funding to Sands Cymru. |
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1.0 Introduction

1.1 This report seeks approval for a SMAF capital funding request by Sands Cymru for continuation funding of £115,000 to purchase a further 5 year lease for accommodation space for “The Place” service. This is a substance misuse education and prevention service www.theplaceswansea.com for young people.

1.2 “The Place” service provides a specialism as part of INFONATION Service at 47 The Kingsway, www.info-nation.org.uk a multiagency youth centre delivering a one stop shop for children & young people in the City Centre which is a LA service.

1.4 The lease is from the City & County of Swansea’s INFONATION service and therefore the grant application ultimately is an income source for the LA.

1.5 Recommendation(s) :

1. The City & County of Swansea should approve continuation funding to Sands Cymru for an accommodation lease within INFONATION for “The Place” service.
2. The City & County of Swansea should agree to undertake the grant claim and payment processes to pass on funding to Sands Cymru.

1.6 The place service also receives SMAF Revenue funding. From the 2011 application they are below. Sands indicate these targets were met and further treatment spaces will be created by the service being based in INFONATION by working in partnership and the sharing of resources. INFONATION has an average of 18,000 contacts per year.

- One to One low level engagement: Working on assumption that a worker from THE PLACE will be available for most of INFONATION drop in sessions, an estimate of 150 additional young people engaging on an individual education and prevention basis.
- Group Work / Training: This would also include an increase in numbers of schools, youth clubs as a result of participation by INFONATION with this work. Number of additional / new training, health promotion sessions: 20 (with session ranging from 8-25 individuals).
- Complex needs / health / prescribing: improved and increase in facilities to offer medical assessments and intervention would offer a minimum of approximately 20 individual spaces.

2 Equality and Engagement Implications

An EI screening assessment has been undertaken and a full EIA is not required. This application is for continuation funding and there is no impact as funding and service delivery is to be maintained at current levels.

3 Financial Implications

- 3.1 The lease cost for a 5 year period is £115,000 in total for the period from 1.4.2016 to 31.3.2021. It includes heating, lighting, water/sewerage, cleaning maintenance, fire /security general services for the 5 years. The space will accommodate 6 members of staff.
- 3.2 Sands will be paying this amount to INFONATION which is a LA service and therefore the grant will be used to provide an income to the LA and is to be paid in one lump sum.
- 3.3 The LA will be required to process the SMAF Capital claim from Welsh Government once Sands Cymru have demonstrated that they have incurred the expenditure.
- 3.4 The LA will be responsible for paying an invoice directly to Sands Cymru once it has received the funding from Welsh Government.

4 Legal Implications

- 4.1 47 The Kingsway building is owned by the City & County of Swansea but leased to a company called Wasteproof. The INFONATION Service rents the building back from Wasteproof. INFONATION have within their rental agreement approval to sublet space to agencies to deliver a One Stop Shop Service.
- 4.2 INFONATION have a 20 year lease, until 30th September 2026 with a break clause at 10 years (30/9/16) should the LA want to exercise. Due to emerging proposals around the redevelopment of the Kingsway there may be a need to adjust terms at the break which would need to be reflected in the sublet to Sands for "The Place".
- 4.3 SANDS also receive revenue from the SMAF (via NPT) in a contract which runs until 31st March 2016. This is likely to be extended until 30th September 2016 due to the delay in recommissioning.
- 4.4 If SANDS are not successful in the recommissioning process, Welsh Government will ensure that the asset (the lease) is transferred to whomever the new provider is to ensure that the SMAF capital investment is retained for substance misuse services. This is standard practice with SMAF capital grants as there are often changes in providers as services are recommissioned. The lease drawn up for Sands on behalf of INFONATION must allow for this scenario.

Background Papers: None.

Appendices:

- 1. Application to Western Bay Substance Misuse Area Planning Board funding SMAF Capital funding application by Sands Cymru
- 2. Sample SMAF Capital grant condition letter from Welsh Government