

13 REQUEST TO UTILISE DUNDEE INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD RESERVES – ADDITIONAL GP CAPACITY – LOCHEE (DIJB62-2022)

As part of the response to the Dundee Drugs Commission report, a need has been identified to enhance General Practitioner support to those with drug use problems within the city. It is proposed that an additional GP post is established at the Lochee practice as part of the directly managed GP services arrangement (2c practice.) This role would provide much needed capacity within the Dundee drug service and will play a key role in working to reduce addiction and drug related deaths in Dundee. The Lochee practice alone has over 100 people who have a drug use problem therefore developing services to support their recovery journey is essential. The post would also provide further GP capacity for General Medical Services in the Lochee practice.

The postholder would:

- Be responsible for a cohort of stable patients, undertaking the patient's assessment, prescribing, harm reduction and stabilisation.
- Support holistic medicine, encouraging those with drug use to have physical health checks and tests.
- Liaise with the Dundee Drug and Alcohol Service.
- Be part of a dedicated team providing care to those with drug use problems.
- Oversee a small team, including Third Sector colleagues, who will offer psychosocial interventions.
- Work to develop a local GP network, sharing best practice with colleagues.

Funding for half of the post will be supported by funding provided by the Primary Care Drug Services Redesign Group for 2 years. It is proposed that the other 50% of the funding is provided by the IJB through utilising its reserves. The total annual cost of the post is £132k therefore the IJB is asked to authorise the release of this funding over a two-year period from its non-earmarked reserves to transfer to an earmarked reserve for this purpose.