

Public health grant: proposed target allocation formula for 2016/17

– Summary of consultation questions

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Q1 : Do you agree that a modelled SMR<75 should be developed for use in the longer term?

Response : We would support the development of a modelled standardised mortality ratio (SMR) <75 in the longer term, so as not to penalise areas which are addressing their public health challenges successfully

Q2 : Do you agree that the sixteen groups outlined above provide a sensible balance between sensitivity to the most extreme mortality rates and protection against volatility of measurement?

Response: This is a technical question on which we hold a neutral view.

Q3: Do you agree that the proposed new substance misuse formula component should be introduced?

Response: We agree that moving to a substance misuse formula component based more on need is a sensible approach.

Q4 : Do you agree that the proposed new sexual health services formula component should be introduced?

Response: We support the move to the proposed new sexual health services formula component.

Q5 : Do you agree that the proposed new services for children under five years formula component should be introduced?

Response: We agree that a formula component should be introduced for children under five years. We would query why Public Health England advice that children in low income households should receive a weighting of 3:1 is not being followed (para 9.14) and we would support the recommendation that further work should be undertaken on the impact of population churn (para 9.6), which is a significant factor for our local services.