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From: Cllr Paul Watkins
Sent: 24 October 2008 14:23
To: Roger Walton
Subject: RE: Released from eSafe SPAM quarantine: Free Swimming Initiative - PCT funding

Explain why we decline Govt. money?

From: Roger Walton
Sent: 24 October 2008 12:25
To: Cllr Paul Watkins; Nadeem Aziz
Cc: Charles Walker
Subject: FW: Released from eSafe SPAM quarantine: Free Swimming Initiative - PCT funding
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Paul/ Nadeem,

I spoke with Caroline earlier this morning who advised me of the approach the PCT were taking as set out below.

Have been waiting for the e-mail to confirm which has been stranded in IT's quarantine system! Essentially they are offering a £40k/ year grant over 2 years to each of the 6 local authorities to support initiatives aimed at either over 60's or under 16's. They will want a business plan setting out how we are spending the grant linking initiatives to their outcomes.

It seems a fairly sensible approach and would perhaps allow for example, free swimming days over half term etc. Will need to work with Vista to firm up ideas.

As a consequence we intend to decline the opportunity to take part in the governments under 16's scheme.

Regards

Roger



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Please accept my apologies for getting back to you on the day that the submissions to DCLG are due,

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however, the PCT has had to consult across all 6 local authorities in East Kent, to clarify what the financial risks are to you in supporting the two government backed swimming schemes.

After consultation with the 6 Local Authorities, Eastern and Coastal Kent PCT has agreed to make the following offer:

1. To provide £40,000 per annum for the next 2 years, to each of the 6 Local Authorities in East Kent (£240,000K total per annum, £480,000 in total over the 2 years). There is no bidding process, funding will be released once an outline action plan for the expenditure has been completed by each Local Authority and submitted to the PCT.
2. This funding is to be used by the Local Authorities to provide free swimming, whether as part of the government free swimming initiative, or where the Local Authority has viewed the risk of taking part in the government scheme as being too high, for it to be used to target free swimming sessions to those in greatest need or not currently accessing leisure activities.

I will be writing in more detail to you next week with the appropriate pro forma to identify how you will use this funding, would you please confirm with me the key point of contact to take this forward. In addition the PCT will be drafting a press release outlining our commitment to improving the health of our population in partnership with our Local Authority partners, and I would welcome any comments that you would like to include.

As we are all aware, obesity is set to reach epidemic proportions, activity to address this, whether through healthy diet, or increasing physical activity levels is needed, but the majority of this activity is not provided by the NHS but by its partners, particularly in local government. As a PCT we value highly our partnerships with local government, and this has been evidenced by the funding that we make available through the Health and Well Being Partnerships, and now in our commitment to supporting free swimming across East Kent. We look forward to working with you, to reduce health inequalities in East Kent and making East Kent a healthier and happier place to live in.



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