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To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]; Mike Robinson <Mike.Robinson@merton.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: URGENT AND STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL: FUNDING REQUEST PAPER

Thanks for this [REDACTED]. Sorry - just found it in my junk folder. So annoying. Need to sort that!

On Andy's advice, I've sent the paper through to the [REDACTED] as a draft to get some initial feedback and can then tweak it as necessary.

Interestingly (and helpfully), I had a request from the [REDACTED] today to provide an update on the wellbeing activity for a more general Wilson update that has been asked for by the local GP community! Clearly, there won't be much in the Wilson update other than the wellbeing progress so that is good in the funding context me thinks!

Will keep you posted.

PLEASE ALSO NOTE: I spoke to [REDACTED] this PM and we decided that, on balance, we will cancel Wednesday's Steering Group meeting. It is really non-essential and, to be honest, it is difficult to plan forward without money in the pot. We can sort the Minutes of last meeting etc over the email and then plan to meet again in April. Can also take other initiatives - like the website development - forward in the interim, subject to funding! Will write out to everyone this evening.

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On 16 Mar 2020, at 09:55, [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi [REDACTED]

Think the paper is fine and sets out the challenge clearly.

I would have perhaps positioned the figures slightly differently, but if the numbers are already with Andy, then little sense to change them, as they are quite clearly ballpark estimates. Hopefully if the budget envelope is agreed it will be understood that plusses and minuses of individual budget lines could be spent on other lines, as laid out in this paper, by agreement with the steering group. As you state, the steering group has governance over budget spend.

As we discussed, your continued direct involvement is key to moving everything forward. You mention 4 to 6 months, but I think we should be trying to secure your time for a minimum of 6 months, so this should be explicit in the project cost (£20K) line.

Not sure how the finance lead will receive the figures, or just focus on finding the money for the total. Would just perhaps have a bit of a breakdown of what sort of expenditure makes up each budget line. If this is not likely to be asked for, then fine, but perhaps be prepared.

Hope this helps

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 March 2020 21:26
To: [REDACTED] Mike Robinson
Subject: URGENT AND STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL: FUNDING REQUEST PAPER
Importance: High

Hi all

[REDACTED]/Mike: I am aware that I haven't had a chance to discuss this with either of you yet.

I had the opportunity to talk to [REDACTED] about it at the Social Prescriber's event on Thursday.

There is currently no funding available for Wellbeing beyond 31 March!! That would mean that my support will stop as well as all the plans we have running. Clearly that would be a disaster for many reasons and I'm sure the CCG won't want that to happen. But finances are extremely stretched.

We have already discussed more widely that my level of support is not required forever but I think that we haven't quite reached that point yet. My ability to work with the various stakeholders to ease the processes (such as NHSPS and the CCG) remains helpful for now but that will not be needed forever. We also need some money to get the "new" space up and running, for the website, wifi etc etc.

I've spoken to Andy and the plan is to try to secure a non-recurrent pot of money to bridge the gap for the next few months. He has suggested this ball-park figure as a possibility.

Would welcome your urgent views/thought on what I have written and whether there is anything obvious I have missed.

I am sending a copy to Andy too for views but he is about to disappear on paternity leave (which might have kick-started over the weekend!) so we may not have his support for the next few weeks. He has prepped the finance director (who I know) but would just welcome your views before I get involved with all of that discussion.

I would like to send this through to the CCG tomorrow (Monday) so would so appreciate it if you can possibly take an urgent look at it for me. [REDACTED] and I have planned to speak Monday PM anyway.

Thanks so much for your help and support. Views welcome!

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