

To: Forum for Empowering Communities

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Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Statement 2023/24

1 Summary

- 1.1 On the 21st April 2023 the Scottish Government announced a third year of the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund. Once again this fund will be delivered by Third Sector Interfaces (TSIs) locally.
- 1.2 The official amount to be distributed in Renfrewshire, by Engage Renfrewshire, Renfrewshire TSI, has not been announced. However the total amount allocated to the national fund is similar to previous years so no significant change is expected

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the report be noted

3 Background

- 3.1 Previous years just over £500,000 was awarded to Renfrewshire.
- 3.2 Application periods and deadlines have not yet been set but we will update the Forum once these are decided locally. Based on previous years, this third year of funding will support activity from late 2023 to December 2024.
- 3.3 Officers responsible for the fund at Engage Renfrewshire have been advised that priority groups are not set to change but they have not received the full guidance as yet. TSIs have, to date, had some degree of freedom in identifying priority groups and it is the expectation that this will continue.
- 3.4 See the press release from Scottish Government at <https://www.gov.scot/news/gbp-15-million-mental-health-funding/>.