

Reference: FOI.ICB-2223/187

Subject: Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme (ARRS) Underspend

*I can confirm that the ICB **does hold the information requested**; please see responses below:*

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>I am looking for some information to be answered under the Freedom of Information Act relating to the Additional roles reimbursement scheme (ARRS) underspend which Primary Care Networks (PCNs) can bid for, as was the initial agreement between PCNs and CCGs before the latter was abolished.</p> <p>In this context, ARRS underspend refers to money that had been ringfenced for the ARRS which has not been claimed. This query relates to financial year 2022/23.</p>	<p>The ICB receives the BNSSG (Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire) ARRS funding in allocations throughout the year.</p> <p>The ICB received an initial allocation of £10.215m at the start of the year 2022/23.</p> <p>NHS England asked all ICBs to confirm final forecasts based on month 9 positions in December 2022. This forecast has been agreed with NHS England and a final allocation will be made in month 11 (February) for an additional £5.181m.</p> <p>This gives a total allocation to the ICB in the year of £15.396m. This was against a potential maximum of £16.552m. NHS England has advised all ICBs that no further allocations will be made beyond this figure.</p>

	<p>Based on claims to date and requests for additional ARRS funding (through an EOI [Expressions of Interest] process with PCNs) we have fully committed to spend the £15.396m. Therefore, our accounts are not forecasted to show an underspend against this value.</p>
<p>2. Does the ICB intend to reallocate this money to PCNs?</p>	<p>All PCNs were invited to submit EOIs in January 2023 if they wanted to bid for additional money beyond their initial allocations. We have reviewed these against the final allocation that we will receive as described in answer 1 to ensure they are affordable to the ICB.</p>
<p>3. How many bids did the ICB receive for this money in the financial year 2022/23?</p>	<p>The ICB received bids from 7 PCNs in total.</p> <p>2 PCN bids were asking for funding outside of the ARRS scheme so were not supported.</p> <p>1 PCN bid was asking for funding towards staff that had already been claimed for and therefore this spend was included in our forecasts.</p>
<p>4. On average, how much did each bid ask for in the financial year 2022/23?</p>	<p>Of the remaining 4 Bids each PCN asked for an average of £15,768.</p>

5. Can you share the bids the ICB received for this underspend? And can these documents be shared in a way to account for the large file size?		Care Coordinator	Pharmacist (mat leave)	Paramedic	Total
	PCN 1	£6,140			£6,140
	PCN 2	£6,140			£6,140
	PCN 3		£20,558		£20,558
	PCN 4	£4,670	£17,862	£7,701	£30,233
6. How many of these bids were successful?	All bids that were received for funding that were within the rules of the scheme were approved, this includes the 4 PCN Bids described and presented above.				
7. How much money will be redistributed?	Total value of approved bids presented in the table above are indicative and total £63,071.				
8. When will this money be redistributed?	PCNs will claim reimbursement in line with normal ARRS claim processes.				
9. If the money is not redistributed what will it be used for?	The ICB is forecasting that they will spend up to the total allocation in 2022/23 as described above.				

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 9 February 2023 and has been approved for release by David Jarrett, Director of Integrated and Primary Care for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.