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Subject: Health Inequalities Budget and Projects

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

QUESTION	RESPONSE
1. Has the ICB set aside a budget this current year to address Health Inequalities, if so, please can you state the budget?	Yes, the ICB set aside a budget this current year to address health inequalities. The budget for 2023/24 is £1,767,000.
2. Was any budget allocated to address Health Inequalities that was an allocation to the Primary Care Networks in the ICB, if so what was the amount?	There has been no direct allocation to Primary Care Networks in the ICB to date.
3. Could you share any projects that were allocated funds to address Health Inequalities?	Funds have been allocated to the six Locality Partnerships in BNSSG and they are in the process of making decisions about what projects they will spend their allocations on. Funds have also been allocated to support asylum seekers and refugees, Green Social Prescribing, pre-paid prescription certificates for care leavers
4. Is there any plans to allocate funds to address health inequalities next financial year 2024/25?	We are developing out plans to allocate funds to address health inequalities in next financial year 2024/25. Some of the expenditure has been agreed because it is recurrent for 1-3 years, e.g. allocation to Locality Partnerships. Other spend it to be determined.

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 11 December 2023 and has been approved for release by Dr Joanne Medhurst, Chief Medical Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.