

**Report to** South West Wiltshire Area Board  
**Date of meeting** 18 September 2019  
**Title of report** Health and Wellbeing Funding

**Purpose of the Report:**

To consider the applications for funding listed below together with the recommendations of the Health and Wellbeing Group.

Applicant	Amount requested
South West Wiltshire Area Board	£600

**1. Main Considerations**

- 1.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that Health and Wellbeing Groups awarded in the 2019/2020 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of it being awarded.
- 1.2. Councillors will need to be assured that carers, older and/ or vulnerable people will benefit from the funding being awarded. The money must be used to invest in projects that will support adults living within a community area. While not exclusively restricted to older people, the investment should be made in such a way as to make the maximum impact on health and wellbeing within a given community area.
- 1.3. Councillors will need to ensure measures have been taken in relation to safeguarding older and vulnerable people.

**2. Environmental & Community Implications**

Health and Wellbeing Funding will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

**3. Financial Implications**

Financial provision had been made to cover this expenditure

- 3.1. South West Wiltshire Area Board was allocated £6700 in 2019/20 for health and wellbeing projects
- 3.2. The Health and Wellbeing Funding balance for 2019/20 is £903.
- 3.3. All decisions must fall within the Health and Wellbeing Funding allocated to the Area Board.

**4. Legal Implications**

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

**5. Human Resources Implications**

There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

**6. Equality and Inclusion Implications**

Ensuring that Community Area Boards and Health and Wellbeing Groups fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in designing local positive activities for young people is essential to meeting the Council’s Public Sector Equality Duty.

**7. Safeguarding Implications**

The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children and young people. The Community Engagement Manager has assessed this application agreed it meets safeguarding requirements.

**8. Applications for consideration**

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
	South West Wiltshire Area Board	Silent Discos	£600
<p><b>Project description</b></p> <p>One of the area board’s priorities is to tackle older people’s loneliness and social isolation. There are a number of projects and initiatives supporting this across the county, and a Silent Disco was one of the events supported by the Salisbury Dementia Action Alliance in Salisbury Cathedral earlier this year.</p> <p>This attracted approximately 40 older people, who came for a number of reasons, loneliness, new and interesting activity, living with dementia, carers respite. By all accounts, the event was very well received, and interest has been expressed by a number of people in the South West Wiltshire Community Area to repeat the event here. The event is a participative one from the outset – involving older people in choosing a range of music playlists from the 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s to suit their tastes – and then seeing them dance to these with their own headset – oblivious to the tunes etc of those dancing around them!</p> <p>The Alzheimer’s Society, Head of Region-South West Marion Child said of the event: ‘...the Silent Disco in Salisbury Cathedral which was just brilliant-the impact music and dancing had when people were given the headphones was so amazing. To see the transformation was very moving.’ The Alzheimer’s Society head office will be using it as an exemplar event.</p> <p>The suggestion is that the area board funds an initial 3 discos as a pilot to test if this is an activity that can work in this area.</p> <p>The older people population in Wiltshire is high and increasing. As for young people, we know that having a varied range of activities on offer for older people, can assist them physically and mentally, helping to combat symptoms of loneliness and social isolation. Silent Discos are fun, and not yet tried in South West Wilts.</p> <p>The Silent Disco events will add to and further enhance the existing menu of activities and infrastructure of services provided for older people in the community areas of Mere, Tisbury and Wilton. Each disco would accommodate up to 50 people, although, we would also attempt to include young people to add an intergenerational sense to each event.</p>			

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report

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