

## **DH Funding of CSPs withdrawn amidst further Government Funding Cuts**

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County Sports Partnerships were disappointed but constructive following the announcement by the Coalition Government today that the Department of Health (DH) funding of CSPs to coordinate wider physical activity alongside sport was to be cut. The funding of £3m during this year equates to £60,000 per CSP which funded a mixture of staff time and local projects to stimulate activity and investment.

It is important to confirm that this relates solely to the CSP funding from the Department of Health (DH) which was supporting CSPs in their work around wider Physical Activity and links with the health sector and does not affect Sport England's core investment, which is focused on sport, or the other local or nationally funded programmes of work delivered by CSPs.

Richard Saunders, Chairman of the County Sports Partnership Network that represents and supports the nationwide network of CSPs said

"obviously the withdrawal of this funding is hugely disappointing and it will have a detrimental impact on what we are able to deliver for our local communities and partners. However, we understand that this was done in the context of the overall economic climate which we all face and DH have made it clear that this does not in any way indicate their lack of support or appreciation of the contribution CSPs make to the Physical Activity agenda.

The CSP Network remains committed to supporting the Physical Activity agenda and we will remain in discussion with DH nationally to effectively manage the impact of the announcement and explore how we can continue to maximize the contribution that physical activity makes to health outcomes.

Individual CSPs will also reflect on their own position and capacity to contribute to this important area of work moving forwards but whilst we have only received funding from DH for one year, CSPs have built expertise and good partnerships with the NHS locally which we will seek to build upon".

CSPs retain strong stakeholder support locally and nationally including Sport England who have re-confirmed their position and remain committed to funding CSPs in their role of supporting National Governing Bodies to increase participation in sport at a local level:

CSPs remain confident that they are the most effective coordinators and sources of local knowledge and intelligence at sub regional level and that are vital to help all partners reach their own individual targets and goals

The network is strong and continues to develop. It is staffed and led by some exceptional people who remain committed to delivering at the highest possible levels for all our stakeholders.

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**Notes:**

- **County Sports Partnerships** are networks of local agencies committed to working together to increase participation in sport and physical activity across every part of England. They work with National Governing Bodies of Sport and their clubs, school sport partnerships, local authorities, sports and leisure facilities, primary care trusts and many other sport and non-sporting organisations.
- **The County Sports Partnership Network** brings together these 49 Partnerships. It independently represents this national network and supports its development through peer support, communication and collaboration.
- **The DH funding of CSPs** was announced in the Be active Be Healthy Strategy in 2009 and CSPs were contracted to deliver against these 6 outcomes
  - Strengthening the infrastructure for the local delivery of physical activity alongside sport.
  - Supporting strategic planning and the delivery of regional and national physical activity plans by ensuring that Be Active, Be Healthy is reflected in the sub regional and local planning and delivery of physical activity
  - Contribute to 2012 Regional Delivery Plans and support the delivery of Local Area Agreements (LAAs) and local physical activity initiatives that will contribute to the LAP 2 million target.
  - Supporting the adoption of social marketing tools and methods in promoting physical activity.
  - Targeting of the least active and contributing to the reduction of health inequalities.
  - Supporting the local delivery of regional and national initiatives

