Impact case study (REF3b)



Institution: London School of Economics and Political Science

Unit of Assessment: 19: Business and Management Studies

Title of case study: Setting healthcare priorities to improve population health

1. Summary of the impact (indicative maximum 100 words)

LSE research has formed the basis for a new assessment framework which helps healthcare planners set priorities within fixed budgets. Since 2005, a group of scholars at LSE has been developing a programme of applied research that is enabling organisations responsible for commissioning health services to make better use of their limited resources to improve value for their populations. It has led to: (a) new health spending strategies in the Isle of Wight in 2007, 2008 and 2009 that delivered a 50% reduction in emergency asthma admissions; (b) 15% savings on the spend on eating disorder services in Sheffield from 2009; (c) new guidelines for commissioning cost-effective care in chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; (d) a user-friendly Excel decision support tool, user-guidance and instructions for facilitators available for free download, as well as training modules for potential users; and (e) the evaluation of alternative strategies for the allocation of US\$10 million per year to fight tuberculosis in Sudan in 2013-15, this being the first of a series of pilots to adapt the LSE assessment framework to the new funding model of the *Global Fund*.



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the project since its inception in 2005. Nikos Argyris (2008-2010) and Chiara de Poli (2011-) have been employed as a research fellow and research assistant on the project, respectively. Jenifer Smith (Public Health England Centre Director, South Midlands and Hertfordshire) has been a

