

SHEFFIELD HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD PAPER

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Subject: Funding Transfer from NHS England to Social Care

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Summary:

An update to the Board of details of the Section 256 transfer from the NHS to fund adult social care services.

Recommendations:

To note and approve the funding transfer.

Reasons for Recommendations:

To evidence the agreement of the Health and Wellbeing Board and enable the transfer to take place.

Funding Transfer from NHS England to Social Care

Joint Proposal from Sheffield City Council and NHS Sheffield CCG

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1. In the Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR) it was announced that social care nationally would receive funding from the NHS funds. For Sheffield, this amounts to £12,399,125 (an increase on the 2013/14 allocation, which was £9,682,589).
- 1.2. The Department of Health has asked that as part of the agreement to transfer these funds Health and Wellbeing Boards approve the use of the funding. This joint report from the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Local Authorities sets out the agreement regarding the use of the funding, the measured outcomes and the agreed monitoring arrangements.
- 1.3. In line with the notification from the Department of Health this level of funding was factored in to the Councils 2014/15 budget plans when the budget was set in March.

2.0 WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR SHEFFIELD PEOPLE

- 2.1. This funding will enable the city council to continue with the existing eligibility criteria and support early hospital discharge.
- 2.2. It is important, particularly in the current economic climate, that Sheffield City Council spends its money effectively, efficiently and with a targeted approach.

3.0 MAIN BODY OF THE REPORT

- 3.1. The Department of Health has specified that the funding must be used to support adult social care services in each local authority, which also has a health benefit. The Department considers that Health and Wellbeing boards is the natural place for discussions between the NHS England, Clinical Commissioning Groups and Local Authorities on how the funding should be spent, and what outcomes will be achieved, as part of their wider discussions on the use of their total health and care resources.
- 3.2. As a condition of the transfer, local authorities and CCGs need to have regard to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for their local population, and existing commissioning plans for both health and social care, in determining how the funding is used. Local authorities also need to demonstrate how the funding transfer makes a positive difference to social care services, and outcomes for service users, compared to service plans in the absence of the funding transfer.
- 3.3. Discussions were held in early 2014 between Sheffield City Council and NHS Sheffield CCG regarding the priorities for use of this funding. It was agreed that the majority of the funding should be prioritised to maintain the existing eligibility criteria (in line with the use of the funding received in 2013/14). It was also agreed that the priority for the use of the additional funding allocated in 2014/15 (compared to

2013/14) should be used to support the priorities agreed in the partnership wide 'Right First Time' Programme, specifically ensuring that there is sufficient capacity in social care services to enable people to be discharged from hospital as soon as they no longer need acute medical care with the appropriate care and support.

- 3.4 It is proposed that the funding is transferred to the local authority under an NHS Act (2006) S256 agreement, and that expenditure is committed in line with existing priorities as listed below

Service Area	Allocation (£)	Outcome
Maintaining the existing eligibility criteria	10,000,000	Maintaining care support levels for those eligible under Sheffield City Council's current eligibility criteria (substantial and critical only)
Early supported hospital discharge	2,399,124	Continued provision of support to ensure the early discharge from hospital, including short term intervention teams.
	12,399,124	

- 3.5 To ensure that the Department of Health's requirement for Health and Wellbeing Boards to consider this funding transfer as part of forward planning, a further report will be presented to the Board with regard to the Councils budget process and the use of this funding for 2014/15.
- 3.6 The Department of Health guidance also requires quarterly updates on expenditure plans, as this funding has already been allocated in the Council's spending plans as outlined above the spend has already been committed and Adult Social Care is forecasting an overspend as at month 4 (July).

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The use of the funds has already been agreed as part of the City Council's budget and has been applied to provision of services. If the Board choose to determine a different allocation, the services provided will need to alter which may result in reduced packages of care depending on the decisions made.

5. RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 The Board is recommended to agree the approach outlined in this report and support use of the Health Transfer as outlined above.

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