

PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

Subject: Funding Transfer from NHS England to Social Care 2013/14
Committee: Plymouth Health and Wellbeing Board
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Ref: HWB/FundingTransfer
Key Decision: No
Part: I

Purpose of the report:

This paper provides an update on the 2013/14 funding transfer from NHS England to Plymouth City Council to support adult social care services which also provide health benefits. The funding transfer for the 2013/14 financial year for Plymouth City Council is £4.6 million.

The Brilliant Co-operative Council Corporate Plan 2013/14 -2016/17:

- **Prioritise Prevention:** The plans prioritise both prevention and early intervention services designed to reduce on-going packages of care and keep people living independently in their own homes.
 - **Help People Take Control over their Lives and Communities:** The plans focus on enabling people to have control over their lives through re-skilling them and building their confidence to undertake tasks of daily living and to take part in the community
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Implications for Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications: Including finance, human, IT and land:

The funding transfer is an important element in Adult Social Care achieving a balanced budget in 2013/14. The budget transfer allows ASC to maintain existing eligibility criteria and shift resources upstream to focus on prevention, rapid response and reablement in order to manage demand.

Other Implications: e.g. Child Poverty, Community Safety, Health and Safety and Risk Management:

- **Prioritise Prevention-**Many of the projects prioritise prevention and early intervention and are designed specifically to delay the need for care and support
- **Sustainability Agenda-**The projects are designed to facilitate a move away from acute settings by investing in community based alternatives. Projects such as reablement and rapid response look to support the Quality, Innovation, Productivity and Prevention (QIPP) programme and rebalance the profile of care.

- Systems and Processes – The schemes have been jointly developed by NEW Devon CCG and Plymouth City Council and thus promotes Joint Commissioning and in the example of the Community Equipment Service the pooling of budgets

Equality and Diversity:

Has an Equality Impact Assessment been undertaken? No

Recommendations and Reasons for recommended action:

The Board is asked to approve the use of the 256 funding outlined in the report as aligned to the agreed strategic approaches of the Board which are to –

- Ensure partners move resources – both fiscal and human to the prevention, and, health and wellbeing agenda
- Ensure systems and processes will be developed and used to make the best use of limited resources, every time
- Ensure partners will work together and with those they serve to take joint ownership of the sustainability agenda

Alternative options considered and rejected:

Published work / information:

- Letters from the Department of Health to the NHS Commissioning Board about the 2013/14 transfer of funds from the NHS to local authorities. (DH Gateway Reference I8568/00186) <http://tinyurl.com/pt4g5ts> / <http://tinyurl.com/mffu6yf>
- Conditions for payments between the NHS and local authorities - <http://tinyurl.com/n6d8wtp>

Background papers:

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Originating SMT Member –													
Has the Cabinet Member(s) agreed the content of the report? Yes													

1.0 Purpose

1.1 This paper provides an update on the 2013/14 funding transfer from NHS England to Plymouth City Council to support adult social care services which also provide health benefits. The funding transfer for the 2013/14 financial year for Plymouth City Council is £4.6 million, an increase of approximately £1.2 million from the 2012/13 financial year.

1.2 Use of the money

Guidance from NHS England about the funding transfer¹ states that:

'The funding must be used to support adult social care services in each local authority, which also has a health benefit. However, beyond this broad condition, NHS England wants to provide flexibility for local areas to determine how this investment in social care services is best used.'

1.3 How the funding is being used

Earlier this year Plymouth City Council and NEW Devon CCG agreed that for the 2013/14 financial year the social care funding transfer should be used on the following priority areas:

Priority Area

- Community Equipment and Adaptations
- Preventative Services
- Integrated Crisis and Rapid Response
- Reablement Services
- Maintaining Eligibility Criteria

Each of these projects will be evaluated to determine the impact, sustainability and potential for scaling up of the schemes if they are deemed effective.

1.4 Governance arrangements for this funding

A Joint Commissioning Partnership (JCP) comprising representatives from Plymouth City Council, Public Health, Police, Probation, Housing and NEW Devon CCG provides leadership on joint commissioning issues that cross over agency boundaries. The JCP meets monthly and has responsibility for oversight of this funding. The JCP:

- takes a strategic approach to planning and commissioning key health and social care areas which have an explicit impact on reducing inequalities and achieving improvements in health and social care outcomes for adults, children and families;
- focuses on whole system solutions;
- acts as the key multi-agency forum for discussion, negotiation and approval of business proposals and as such provides the decision making and governing mechanism for monitoring the allocation of the social care funding transfer; and
- reports to the Plymouth Health and Wellbeing Board ensuring effective communication with the governing mechanisms within partner organisations and resolves any matters that need further deliberation.

1.5 Next steps

Once the Health and Wellbeing Board has approved this report an agreement will be signed between Plymouth City Council and NHS England and arrangements made for the funding to be transferred from NHS England to Plymouth City Council.

¹ Letter from Sam Higginson, Director of Strategic Finance, NHS England, 19 June 2013 – Gateway reference 00186
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