

Health and Wellbeing Board
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Allocation and Drawdown of the 2014/15 Whole Systems Funding (Social Care Transfer from NHS to Surrey County Council)

Purpose of the report:

To approve the draw down and distribution of the NHS England allocation of Whole Systems Funding to Surrey County Council.

This report shows how the money is planned to be used and the agreed monitoring arrangements. Appendix 1 is the draft Section 256 agreement covering the transfer of the funds between Surrey County Council and NHS England.

Introduction:

1. As for 2013/14 the Health & Wellbeing Board must receive a joint report from the Clinical Commissioning Groups and Local Authority to agree use of the funding, the measured outcomes and the agreed monitoring arrangements.
2. Guidance from NHS England about the funding transfer states that:
 - 2.1 '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.'
 - 2.2 The guidance goes on to state that:

'The joint local leadership of Clinical Commissioning Groups and Local Authority, through the Health and Wellbeing Board, is at the heart of the new health and social care system. NHS England will ensure that the local authority agrees with its local health partners how the funding is best used within social care, and the outcomes expected from this investment. Health and Wellbeing Boards will be the forum for discussions between the Area Teams, CCGs and local authorities on how the funding should be spent.'

- 2.3 There is an extra requirement for 2014/15, linked to the allocation of additional transitional funding nationally, known as the 'integration payment', taking the Surrey share to £18.3m and initiates movement towards the Better Care Fund approach to be introduced fully in 2015/16. That requires that the approach to setting up pooled arrangements is agreed in advance. That is incorporated in the Governance Framework agreed by the Better Care Board and annexed to Surrey Better Care Fund plan.
3. In Surrey joint governance arrangements have been long established, through a Whole Systems Partnership Board (now Better Care Board) of commissioning representatives from both Health and Social Care.

Allocation of the 2014/15 Whole Systems Funding

4. For 2014/15 the Whole Systems Funding being transferred to Surrey County Council is £18.3m
5. Allocation of the funding into projects and activities is agreed through the Local Joint Commissioning Groups, as delegated by the Better Care Board. Plans are jointly monitored through the Better Care Board, to facilitate understanding on a full County basis.
6. Reporting has been allocated to NHS priority areas:
- Community equipment and adaptations
 - Telecare
 - Integrated crisis and rapid response services
 - Maintaining eligibility criteria
 - Re-ablement services
 - Bed-based intermediate care services
 - Early supported hospital discharge schemes
 - Mental health services
 - Other preventative services
 - Other social care

7. The proposed allocations across the NHS priority areas are as follows:

NHS Priority Area

Community equipment and adaptations	1,499,754
Telecare	1,565,532
Integrated crisis and rapid response services	3,375,472
Maintaining eligibility criteria	140,045
Reablement services	1,498,315
Bed-based intermediate care services	
Early supported hospital discharge schemes	4,452,748
Mental health services	570,000
Housing projects	
Employment support	
Learning disabilities services	
Dementia services	1,713,108
Support to primary care	
Integrated assessments	217,302
Integrated records or IT	
Joint health and care teams/working	160,008
Other preventative services (please specify)	
Personalisation and Prevention Partnership	990,000
Other social care (please specify)	
Universal Benefits Service	534,369
Terrence Higgins - AIDS Support	311,722
Protection for Adult Social Care	1,280,379
Other intermediate care (please specify)	
Total	18,308,754

A detailed schedule showing how these amounts are to be spent against local schemes across the individual Surrey local Health and Social Care economies is attached in Appendix 3.

These allocations are based on the projected expenditure as at the end of quarter 2. Significant variations are not expected in the remainder of the year. If any pressures emerge, these will be funded by the relevant organisation outside of the Whole Systems Partnership (Surrey County Council for the schemes it manages and CCGs for health managed schemes). Any underspends from the planned allocations at year end will be allocated 100% proportionally across the CCGs, recognising that £1.3m of funding has already been ring-fenced for the protection of adult social care.

Conclusions:

8. The Whole Systems Funding is being used appropriately within the framework established by Health England. Priorities and projects have been jointly approved between Health and Social Care Commissioners. Governance arrangements are in place to deal with pooling in 2015/16.

Recommendation

9. The Board is recommended to approve the allocation of the Whole Systems Funding across the priority areas, so enabling this funding to be drawn down from NHS England.

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