

Appendix C - Funding Transfer from NHS England to social care 2013/14

1. Context

In the 2011/12 Operating Framework for the NHS in England, the Department of Health set out that PCTs would receive allocations in 2011/12 and 2012/13 for transfer to local authorities to support adult social care services that also benefit the NHS.

For 2013/14, the NHS England Lancashire Area Team has been allocated £19,750,385 to transfer to Lancashire County Council to support adult social care services.

2. Legal basis for the transfer

NHS England is to enter into an agreement with the local authority to be administered by the NHS England Area Team. The payments are to be made via an agreement under Section 256 of the 2006 NHS Act.

3. Use of the funding

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

4. Role of the Health & Wellbeing Board

The joint local leadership of Clinical Commissioning Groups and local authorities, through the Health and Wellbeing Board, is at the heart of the new health and social care system.

Local authorities should agree with local health partners how the funding is best used within social care, and the outcomes expected from this investment. The Health and Wellbeing Boards are expected to be the forum for discussions between the Area Team, CCGs and the local authority on how the funding should be spent.

5. Recommendation

The County Council will engage in local discussions with CCG partners in order to achieve local agreement of spending plans in the coming weeks, after which the agreed spending plans will be submitted to the NHS England Lancashire Area Team in the form of a completed section 256 template. The NHS England Lancashire Area Team will then be asked to sign this agreement on behalf of NHS England to authorise the funding transfer.

It is recommended that the Health & Wellbeing Board endorse the process outlined above in order to conclude the funding transfer.

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