

REPORT FOR DECISION

DECISION OF:	Health & Well-Being Board
DATE:	14 November 2013
SUBJECT:	Transfer of Funds from NHS to Local Authorities
REPORT FROM:	Pat Jones-Greenhalgh – Executive Director Adult Care Services
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TYPE OF DECISION:	For Decision by the Health & Well-Being Board
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/STATUS:	This paper is within the public domain
SUMMARY:	<p>Agreement required to the principles of use of NHS funds transferred to the Local Authority in line with national requirements.</p> <p>Future developments in respect of the Integrated Transformation Fund to be noted.</p>
OPTIONS & RECOMMENDED OPTION	<p>That the Health and Wellbeing Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agree to the use of the NHS transfer allocation of £2.9m to social care for 2013/14; 2. Note the new proposed transfer of funds to support integration from 2014/15 onwards.
IMPLICATIONS:	
Corporate Aims/Policy Framework:	Do the proposals accord with the Policy Framework?

<p>Statement by the S151 Officer: Financial Implications and Risk Considerations:</p>	<p>This report outlines how the Council proposes to utilise the £2.9m fund transferring from the NHS to the Council in 2013/14.</p> <p>£2.2m is being utilised to address demand pressures (in accordance with guidance).</p> <p>However the report also highlights that the balance is being used for service development / transformation on an "invest to save" basis to manage future demand and provide enhanced services to residents.</p> <p>The report also highlights (at a national level) details about the Integration Transformation Fund (£3.8bn).</p> <p>Figures specific for Bury are not available at this stage.</p>
<p>Statement by Executive Director of Resources:</p>	<p>There are no additional resource implications.</p>
<p>Equality/Diversity implications:</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Considered by Monitoring Officer:</p>	
<p>Wards Affected:</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>Scrutiny Interest:</p>	

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DIRECTOR:

Chief Executive/ Strategic Leadership Team	Executive Member/Chair	Ward Members	Partners
Scrutiny Committee	Committee	Council	

1.0 Purpose of the Report

The purpose of the Report is to provide an update for the HWBB on the transfer of funds from the NHS to Adult Social Care and agree the principles for the use of this funding for 2013/14. In addition, the Board is asked to note the new proposed transfer of funds from the NHS to Adult Social Care from 2014/15 onwards.

2.0 Background

2.1 Department of Health - NHS transfer of funding to Social Care 2013/14

This transfer is to be made in line with DH letter Gateway reference 18568. In essence this funding should be used for social care activity that impacts on health care and that reduces on going demand throughout the whole system of care.

In previous years, the transfer allocation was used to fund existing adult care services and in so doing reduce the need to cut front line services which support key health measures, such as delayed discharges and reductions emergency admissions to hospital. In addition, some of the funding has been used to pump prime pilots or enhance existing services that also contribute to these key measures; examples of this have been enhancements to the reablement service, introduction of a telehealth pilot, or the crisis response pilot.

It is proposed to continue using the funding in a similar way for 2013/14, mainly to offset demand pressures within social care linked to health outcomes, and to pump prime some initiatives for longer term gain, for example the commissioning of dementia training for existing home care provision.

For Bury, the sum to be transferred for 2013/14 amounts to £2.923m, which is an increase from £2.218m in 2011/12 and £2.127m in 2012/13. The conditions on the use of this funding have changed slightly – for the previous two years' allocations, local agreement was reached between the Local Authority and NHS Bury (the PCT), and the transfer was made under Section 256 of the 2006 NHS Act directly from the PCT. For 2013/14, the local agreement is expected to be signed off by the Health & Well Being Board in addition to Bury's CCG and the Local Authority and the S256 agreement will be between the Local Authority and NHS England. Breakdown shown in Appendix 1.

It is recommended that the Health & Well Being Board agree to these principles in terms of using the £2.9m transfer to the Local Authority for 2013/14.

2.2 Proposed transfer of funds to support future integration

In order to support the development of integrated health and social care services, the Department of Health have created an Integration Transformation Fund (ITF). This comprises of new and existing funding and will amount to £3.8bn nationally in 2015/16.

2.3 Purpose of the fund

The fund has been created to support a number of national priorities within the health and social care systems, namely:

- Support some of the new responsibilities of Adult Social Care outlined within the Care Bill
- Integration of Health and Social Care where appropriate;
- Provision of 'right care, right place, right time';
- Creation of a single pooled budget for health and social care in local areas, based on joint plans across the NHS and Local Authorities, again where appropriate;
- Transformation of care and support;
- Support demographic pressures in social care;

The ITF will be a pooled budget deployed locally on social care and health support. The local plans should be developed jointly between health and social care will have to be agreed at local Health & Wellbeing Boards. It is expected that two year plans covering 2014/15 and 2015/16 will be drawn up by March 2014, setting out the planned use of the fund to transform care and support, including protection for social care services.

3.0 ISSUES

Specific objectives to be achieved include:

- Development of 7 day working to address unnecessary admissions to hospital and to support efficient discharge;
- Better information sharing between NHS and Social Care, with the suggested use of NHS number as a unique identifier;
- Joint approach to assessment and care planning should be adopted;
- Integrated care packages to have a key professional as lead;
- Plans should also include risk sharing principles and contingency plans if targets are not met, including re-deployment of funds if the agreement is not met;
- Understanding of the consequential impact of changes on the acute sector, although in GM this is the other way round, due to the reform of acute hospital services across GM under the banner of Healthier Together;
- ITF plans will be signed off by Ministers.

The proposed ITF comprises of 50% existing funding and 50% additional funding, as demonstrated in the table in **Appendix 2**.

Whilst all of the funding indicated above will be within the ITF budget, it is expected that the responsibilities for specific service provisions, such as carer breaks or reablement will continue as part of integrated services.

Of the 'new' funding it is expected that £1bn will be performance related. It appears that the remaining £0.9bn is for demographic pressures and additional costs arising from the new responsibilities within the Care Bill.

4.0 CONCLUSION

The Health & Well-Being Board are asked to note the information provided.

List of Background Papers:-

Appendix 1 : Bury NHS Funding for Social Care



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Appendix 2 : Integration Transformation Fund



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