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## HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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### 1. SUMMARY

*Attached is the Section 256 for Bromley care and health service which has been produced in order to draw down the Department of Health grant for 2013/14 which stands at £4.26m.*

*Both the Local Authority and Clinical Commissioning Group propose to use the funding to deliver against 6 'schemes' as they are referred to in the NHS England template attached. Details on each scheme can be found in the attached template but, by way of a summary, the 6 areas look to maintain and sustain key community based services important to both organisations that are otherwise struggling to be kept operational due to the significant cuts.*

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### 2. REASON FOR REPORT GOING TO HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

*To draw down the funding the Section 256 must be signed and agreed by both the Local Authority and the Clinical Commissioning Group. Finally it must be approved at the Local Health and Wellbeing Board before being formally submitted to the London branch of NHS England.*

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### 3. SPECIFIC ACTION REQUIRED BY HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD AND ITS CONSTITUENT PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

*This draft Section 256 requires the full endorsement of the Health and Wellbeing Board. Chief Officers at both the CCG and the LA will be responsible for securing the funding through the NHS England board on behalf of Health & Wellbeing Board.*

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## Health & Wellbeing Strategy

1. Related priority: Funding to support adult social care

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### Financial

1. Cost of proposal: None – this is a one off funding coming in at £4.26m from central government. There would be considerable budget pressures if we were unable to draw down this funding.

2. Ongoing costs: These funds are used to continue to support priority areas of service

3. Total savings (if applicable):

4. Budget host organisation: Bromley Local Authority

5. Source of funding: Department of Health

6. Beneficiary/beneficiaries of any savings:

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### Supporting Public Health Outcome Indicator(s)

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#### 4. COMMENTARY

*Please see attached for the draft Section 256*

#### 5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

*One-off funding from central government that needs to be secured through a formal Section 256 to NHS England. Nationally the funding is £859m and Bromley's allocation stands at £4.26m.*

#### 6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

*The payments are to be made via an agreement under Section 256 of the 2006 NHS Act. NHS England will enter into an agreement with each local authority and will be administered by the NHS England Area Teams (and not Clinical Commissioning Groups). Funding from NHS England will only pass over to local authorities once the Section 256 agreement has been signed by both parties.*

#### 7. IMPLICATIONS FOR OTHER GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS, BOARDS AND PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING ANY POLICY AND FINANCIAL CHANGES, REQUIRED TO PROGRESS THE ITEM

*Future funding arrangements from DoH through NHS England will go further to create a pooled fund to which CCG and LAs have to jointly bid through their H&WBs. The Integrated Transformation Fund (ITF) for which we will need to produce a Local Plan by March 2014 means that this type of funding arrangement will become increasingly commonplace and that more and more of our funding will come through to both organisations in this way.*

#### 8. COMMENT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF AUTHOR ORGANISATION

*This Section 256 has been produced by the LA and shared with the CCG for comment and feedback.*

<b>Non-Applicable Sections:</b>	[List non-applicable sections here]
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Please contact Richard Hills for detailed excel spread sheet breaking down the funding request.