

PART ONE - PUBLIC

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**Decision Maker:** Executive

**Date:** 21<sup>st</sup> November 2014

**Decision Type:** Urgent Executive Key

**Title:** NHS S256 FUNDING TRANSFER 2014/15

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**Chief Officer:** Executive Director of Education, Care & Health Services

**Ward:** N/A

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1. Reason for report

- 1.1 The report sets out proposals for the allocation of the funding transfer from NHS England to social care for 2014/15.
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2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Executive is requested to:**

- 2.1 Agree the 2014/15 submission to NHS England in respect of the funding transfer;
- 2.2. Subject to the approval of 2.1 above, agree to release the sum of £992k for NHS Support for Social Care held in the Council's 2014/15 Central Contingency Sum to fund the schemes identified in the report.

## Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy:
  2. BBB Priority: Supporting Independence:
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## Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Estimated Cost: £4.464m plus £992k
  2. Ongoing costs:
  3. Budget head/performance centre:
  4. Total current budget for this head:
  5. Source of funding: NHS England
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## Staff

1. Number of staff N/A
  2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours:
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## Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory requirement
  2. Call-in: N/A:
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## Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): Currently there are approximately 9800 people in receipt of social care services
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## Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments:

### 3. COMMENTARY

3.1 This report sets out the national arrangements for the funding transfer from NHS England to social care for 2014/15 which are being managed by NHS England. For the 2014/15 financial year, the NHS will transfer £1.1bn nationally to social care via an agreement under Section 256. This figure consists of the following:

- a) £200m integration payment that forms the first part of the Better Care Fund (BCF)
- b) £900m that was set aside in the Spending Round that is subject to the same arrangements as Section 256 transfers in 2013/14.

3.2 For London Borough of Bromley these allocations equate to :

- a) **£992,000** one off integration payment for 2014/15
- b) **£4,464,253** transfer from Spending Round allocation

#### a) Integration payment

3.3 The BCF guidance indicated that the integration payment would be released to Local Authorities only when a BCF plan had been agreed and signed off by the appropriate Health and Wellbeing Board. The BCF programme board has now confirmed that these conditions have been met by all areas in London including Bromley and the funds allocated to prepare for the BCF will be transferred under S256 arrangements to local authorities.

3.4 Whilst it is recognised that the BCF plans included some detail on 2014/15 spend, it is a requirement of the S256 arrangement that expenditure plans by local authority are categorised into the specific service areas agreed with the Department of Health.

#### b) Transfer from Spending Round allocation

3.5 In line with the national directions for 2014, the remaining £4.464m must be used to support adult social care services in each local authority which also has a health benefit. The funding transfer should make a positive difference to social care services, and outcomes for service users, compared to service plans in the absence of the funding transfer.

3.6 Payment of both the integration funds and the Spending Round funds 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. Funding from NHS England will only pass over to local authorities once the Section 256 agreement has been signed by both parties.

#### 2014/15 submission

3.7 Local authorities are required to complete a submission template submission template which brings together:

- The National Health Service (Conditions Relating to Payments by NHS Bodies to Local Authorities) Directions 2014.
- The conditions set out in the Funding Transfer from NHS England to social care – 2014/15 letter (Gateway reference: 01597).

- The funding breakdown required to enable a consolidated NHS England position on adult social care expenditure.

3.8 The template requires local authorities to show how the proposed spend meets the domains of the Adult Social Care Outcomes Framework and the NHS Outcomes Framework as set out below:

Adult and Social Care Outcomes Framework:

1. Enhancing quality of life for people with care and support needs
2. Delaying and reducing the need for care and support
3. Ensuring that people have a positive experience of care and support
4. Safeguarding adults whose circumstances make them vulnerable and protecting them from avoidable harm

NHS Outcomes Framework:

1. Preventing people from dying prematurely
2. Enhancing the quality of life for people with long term conditions
3. Helping people to recovery from periods of illness or following injury
4. Ensuring that people have a positive experience of care
5. Treating and caring for people in safe environment; and protecting them from avoidable harm

3.9 In addition submissions must show planned expenditure with project details against specific service areas which are shown in the table below together with the proposed allocations for 2014/15 (NB it is not proposed or required that all service areas are covered by spend and this is reflected in the table below):

<b>Service Areas</b>	<b>Spending Round allocation 2014/15 £000s</b>	<b>Integration funding 2014/15 £000s</b>
Community equipment and adaptations		
Telecare		
Integrated crisis and rapid response services	1864	250
Maintaining eligibility criteria	1000	
Re-ablement services	500	300
Bed-based intermediate care services		
Early supported hospital discharge schemes		
Mental health services		
Other preventative services (dementia diagnosis)		92
Other social care		

<b>Service Areas</b>	<b>Spending Round allocation 2014/15 £000s</b>	<b>Integration funding 2014/15 £000s</b>
Other intermediate care		
Housing projects		
Employment support		
Learning disabilities services	350	
Dementia services	600	200
Support to primary care		
Integrated assessments	75	
Integrated records or IT		
Joint health and care teams/working	75	150
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>4464</b>	<b>992</b>

3.10 Prior to submission the Department of Health requires local authorities to agree their proposals with their local Clinical Commissioning Group. Bromley CCG has agreed the proposals set out above. If agreed by the Executive and signed off by the Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board, they will be submitted to NHS England on 21<sup>st</sup> November, together with the final details of the individual schemes.

#### **4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The proposals align with the Council's Building a Better Bromley priority of supporting independence.

#### **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The Council received additional funding, compared with previous years, of £992k in 2014/15 relating to NHS Support for Social Care. The monies have been retained in the 2014/15 Central Contingency Sum. This report proposes release of these monies to fund the areas identified in 3.9 above.

5.2 The additional funding in 2014/15 will be included within the overall 2015/16 Better Care Fund which was reported previously to the Executive. After allowing for any new ongoing commitments not reported previously and the recognition that this report includes one off funding (£150k) the expected contribution towards "Protecting Social Care" will reduce from, £3.5m to £3.25m from 2015/16.

<b>Non-Applicable Sections:</b>	Legal, Personnel
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	