

Dudley Health and Wellbeing Board – 26th September,2013

Report of the Chief Officer, Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group, Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services and Director of Children's Services

Transfer of Resources to Dudley MBC 2013/14 to Support Social Care and the Health and Social Care Integration Transformation Fund

Purpose of Report

1. To advise the Board of the proposed use of resources to be transferred to Dudley MBC for the purposes of supporting social care in 2013/14.
2. To note the national announcement of £3.8billion of funding to ensure closer integration between health and social care.

Background

3. The Board will be aware that in 2011/12 and 2012/13, the former Dudley PCT was required, as part of the annual operating framework, to transfer resources from within its allocation to Dudley MBC, using the provisions of Section 256 of the NHS Act 2006.
4. This transfer was designed to deal with the impact of changes to the local authority grant settlement and prevent unnecessary admissions to secondary care/facilitate speedy discharge from secondary care.
5. A similar transfer is to take place for 2013/14. This transfer will be made by NHS England rather than the CCG but will be done so on the basis of a local agreement being reached on the use of these monies.
6. This report sets out the proposed use of the resources available, as discussed by officers and reported to the CCG Board.
7. In addition, this report advises the Board of the announcement of £3.8billion to support closer integration between health and social care.

Proposed Use

8. The proposed use of the £5.589m available is set out in the table below. The schemes to be funded, a combination of schemes to avoid admission and speed up discharge, follow a similar pattern to that in previous years.

| Scheme | Amount £000 |
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| Tiled House Intermediate Care Facility | 1,745 |
| Social Care Emergency Response Service | 968 |
| Residential Care | 1,526 |
| Home Care | 1,100 |
| Care Packages for Children | 250 |
| Total | 5,589 |

9. Subject to agreement, further discussion will take with regard to the number of discharges that this level of investment can support. This will be reflected in a revised Memorandum of Agreement between the CCG, Dudley MBC and Dudley Group NHS FT. Performance of the schemes will be reported to the Urgent Care Board on a monthly basis.

Health and Social Care Integration Transformation Fund

10. In the June 2013 spending round the Chancellor announced that a sum of £3.8billion would be available nationally to ensure closer integration between health and social care. This was described as "... a single pooled budget for health and social care services to work more closely together in local areas, based on a plan agreed between the NHS and local authorities".
11. For Dudley, an initial estimate of this "Health and Social Care Integration Transformation Fund", equates to around £15 million coming into full effect from 2015/16. This is not new resource but funding to be pooled from the CCG's existing baseline and existing allocations.
12. Each locality is required to develop a local plan for this resource, which can be deployed locally on social care and health, by March 2014. This will require the agreement of this Board.
13. Discussions on the use of this fund, which represents an opportunity to secure significant system change, have begun in the context of existing work on service integration. Strategically, given pressures on both adult social care budgets and the budget pressure the pooling of these monies will create for the CCG, the collective objective for the health and social care economy will be to reduce expenditure on care home placements and urgent hospital care through joint investment in integrated community health and social care services.

Law

14. The Transfer above is made using Section 256 of the NHS Act 2006 which gives the power to make payments to a local authority "...in connection with the performance of the authority's functions". The conditions attached are that the functions must have an effect on the health of individuals, have an effect on or be affected by any NHS functions or be connected with any NHS function."

Recommendation

15. That the proposed resource transfer of £5.589m be approved and NHS England advised accordingly.
16. That a further report on the use of the Health and Social Care Integration Transformation Fund be received in due course.



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