

**Health and Well Being Board
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Walsall Council



Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group

NHS Funding Transfer 2013/14

PURPOSE

To describe the process by which the Health and Well Being Board is required to approve funding that transfers from the NHS to Walsall Council under the Health Act 1999.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Health and Well Being Board approves the allocation of funding for 2013/14.

BACKGROUND

Prior to the NHS re-organisation at April 2013, the NHS funding that is to be used “to invest in social care services to benefit health, and improve overall health gain” (DH Letter 13 January 2011) was transferred directly from the Primary Care Trust to Walsall Council via to the S75 agreement for Joint Commissioning between Walsall Council and Walsall PCT.

Following the NHS re-organisation, this funding will transfer directly from NHS England to Walsall Council and so the S75 agreement - which is now between Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group and Walsall Council - will not be the vehicle for the transfer. The government expects agreement on the use of this funding to be confirmed at the Health and Well Being Board.

The NHS funding is committed to those elements of Walsall Council services that are most closely associated with the management of the Urgent Care System and as such the allocation is a key component of the Urgent Care Plan for Walsall. (Ref “Walsall Health Economy - Urgent Care Recovery Plan and Plan for Meeting Surges in Demand this Coming Winter 2013/14” Version 9 – 30 July 2013)

The distribution of the NHS funding for reablement/winter pressures in 2013/14 is shown in Table 1 below.

A brief summary of each heading is as follows:

Voluntary Sector Reablement Schemes: (£80,000, £150,000, and £70,000)
 Services in the intermediate care pathway and for people with dementia - home from hospital & community intermediate care, dementia support workers (based in Manor Hospital), dementia advisors (Information & Advice), and 6 dementia cafes. Commissioning of a night sitting service to support people going home from hospital.

Table 1: S256 Funding 2013/14 Summary

Funding Available	2013/14 Allocation (£)
Total Funding	5,124,740

Expenditure	2013/14 Spend £
Services required in the intermediate care pathway for people with dementia and frail elderly - Home from hospital & community intermediate care - (2yr contract from 05/03/12)	80,000
Services for people with dementia - Dementia Support Workers (based in Manor Hospital), Dementia Advisors (Information & Advice), 6 Dementia Cafes - Carers Support (2yr contract from 23/04/12)	150,000
Continuation and increased capacity for a night sitting service. In place from mid 2012 with funding for 2 years.	70,000
Integrated Community Equipment Service	877,538
Short term assessment, reablement and response service	1,873,957
Development of Intermediate Care service	500,000
OT posts to support Intermediate Care Service	250,000
Bed Based Reablement (Hollybank)	774,919
Integrated Discharge Team	526,486
Co-ordination of Personal Health Budgets pilot scheme	21,840
Total Spend	5,124,740

Please note variation from previous report to VAEB in August 2013

Integrated Community Equipment Service: (£877,538) This is the Council contribution to the pooled fund for this service. The service is overseen by a joint Board between Walsall Council and Walsall CCG and receives regular financial and performance monitoring reports.

Short term assessment, reablement and response service: (£1,873,957)

This is the Council's in-house community based intermediate care service which is operating jointly with Walsall Healthcare Trust intermediate care services in the Frail Elderly Pathway.

Intermediate Care Services: (£500k, £250k,) These sums are to increase the capacity of the Council's intermediate care services from the baseline funding above, as part of the Council's implementation of the new operating model for adult social care. They include care staff and therapy staff.

Bed based Reablement (HollyBank): (£774,919) This is the Council's contribution to the integrated bed based intermediate care centre at Hollybank Unit.

Integrated Discharge Team: (£526,486) These are the Council funded posts in the Integrated Discharge Team at The Manor Hospital.

Co-ordination of Personal Health Budgets: (£21,840) This is the Council contribution to the project management support for implementation of personal health budgets within the continuing health care team in the JCU.

PERFORMANCE MONITORING

The overall approach to performance monitoring is set out in the Urgent Care Plan 2013/14. The majority of the funding is being used to fund the Council Intermediate Care Service and Integrated Discharge Team and so performance targets have been agreed for the number of hospital discharges per week, and the percentage (70%) of hospital discharges that are able to return home independently of any ongoing social care support.

CONCLUSION

The commitment of this funding to the Council's intermediate care arrangements as part of the Urgent Care Plan for 2013/14 demonstrates the Council's commitment to working in partnership with the NHS to support the process of hospital discharge. This funding is expected to increase to double the amount by 2015/16 and so needs to be part of a strategic approach to the development of integrated services.

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