

DELEGATED DECISION

Adult and Health Services

16 May 2018



Adult Social Care Support Grant 2018-19

Report of Adult and Health Services

Jane Robinson, Corporate Director, Adult and Health Services, Durham County Council

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To reference the delegated decision made by the Corporate Director, Adult and Health Services in conjunction with The Transformation Board, the agreement of the Cabinet Portfolio Holder and the support of CMT – To utilise the Adult Social Care Support Grant 2018-19 to fund a range of initiatives that will maintain service stability as well as providing some additional much needed social work and commissioning capacity.

Background

- 2 In February 2018 the Local Government Finance Settlement provided an additional £150m for local authorities in the shape of an Adult Social Care Support Grant for 2018-2019, to be taken from anticipated underspend in existing central government departmental budgets.
- 3 Allocated according to relative needs, Durham received circa £1.7m. In effect this money supplements the improved Better Care Fund (iBCF) and locally they are collectively referred to as the Adult Care Transformation and Innovation Fund (ACTIF).
- 4 The examples below provide some detail on the impact of that spend:
 - **Developing Commissioning Capacity** - Increased capacity within the commissioning team for 2 years to deliver initiatives around key priority areas including the Mental Health Review and implementation of a new model; developing services to alleviate Social Isolation; supporting the voluntary and community services infrastructure; supporting the residential care market.

- **Supporting Intermediate Care+ resilience (Alleviating NHS pressure)** - Additional funding for 2018/19 to enable the 3 Intermediate Care Team managers to recruit additional short term agency social work staff to sustain assessment and discharge planning functions during times of surge, i.e. winter pressure, Easter.
- **Learning Disability high cost complex case reviews (alleviate financial pressures/ service efficiencies)** - Provide additional staffing capacity to undertake targeted proactive reviews of high cost/ complex packages for service users in specialist residential care provision and those that come under the umbrella of the Accountable Care Partnership. This will enable the development of business cases for more cost effective service models that achieve better outcomes. This will help to alleviate budget pressures and support the delivery of a new Commissioning Strategy, within Learning Disability Services.

Recommendations and reasons

- 5 The recommended proposals presented to the Transformation Board on 16 April 2018 have been agreed. They require circa £1.63m in total to be drawn from the additional social Care money.
- 6 Approval for use of this money will support the Adult Care Service to help alleviate workload pressures, maintain statutory functions, sustain service resilience and support preventive services.
- 7 The monitoring of these resources will be undertaken in conjunction with the iBCF by the Adult Care Transformation and Innovation Fund (ACTIF) steering group chaired by the Corporate Director of Adult and Health Services.

Decision

- 8 The approval of the proposed use of the additional money allocated in the Adult Social Care Support Grant 2018/ 2019 as follows:

• Supporting the market	£123,804
• Commissioning capacity	£180,082
• Mental Health prevention at scale	£492,000
• Supporting VCS infrastructure	£100,000
• Supporting the NHS	
- Intermediate care/mental health	£206,000
- Social work capacity	£100,000
• Learning Disabilities	
- managing complex cases	£135,384
• Project support	£114,400
• Transport/prevention	£30,000
• Care Connect	£150,000

TOTAL: £1.63m

Agreed at Transformation Board - 16 April 2018

Contact: Lee Alexander, Interim Head of Adult Care
Tel: 03000 268180

Appendix 1: Implications

Finance

£1.63m to be drawn from the Adult Social Care Support Grant 2018-19 to fund the range of initiatives identified.

Staffing

This funding will both help to support a range of temporary posts that will either sustain or develop service resilience.

Risk

The Adult Social Care budget faces ongoing pressure associated with several years of austerity. This has been recognised by Central Government and this one off grant will help to alleviate some of that pressure.

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty

The funding will help to support the protection of rights of individuals with care and support needs as defined by the Care Act. In doing so, they help to promote our duties associated with equality and diversity.

Accommodation

N/A

Crime and Disorder

N/A

Human Rights

The funding will help to support the protection of rights of individuals with care and support needs as defined by the Care Act.

Consultation

N/A

Procurement

N/A

Disability Issues

N/A

Legal Implications

To maintain adherence to statutory responsibilities associated with assessment/review and efficiently meeting eligible need as defined by the Care Act.