

## **Wirral Council Department of Adult Social Services (DASS) and Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (WCCG) Section 256 Agreement 2013-14**

### **Introduction**

This is an agreement under Section 256 of the National Health Service Act 2006 between Wirral Council, Wirral CCG and Cheshire, Warrington and Wirral Local Area Team and the Local Area Team of the National Commissioning Body (NCB)

1. The NHS Operating Framework and the Local Authority Grant Settlements for 2013-14 includes funding transfers to be made from the NHS to local authorities to support social care. This agreement covers this and historical recurrent joint finance arrangements.
2. There are five main areas of funding:
  - (i) **Social Care Fund:** The Government has announced a continuation of NHS funding for transfer to Adult Social Care in 2013-14 with a requirement that this spending should be reported to the Health and Well-Being Board. This funding stream is to be administered through the Local Area Team of the National Commissioning Body (NCB). This agreement defines the activities for which Wirral Council will use a transfer of £6,443,824 from the Area Team, being the NHS Social Care Fund allocation for Wirral Council in financial year 2013-14. (Schedule 1)
  - (ii) **Re-ablement:** £300m has been allocated nationally to Clinical Commissioning Groups CCGs for 2013-14 and must be spent on re-ablement. (CCGs) are required to transfer funding to LAs having agreed the use of the local allocation to invest in social care services to benefit health, and to improve overall health gain. The CCG and LA are developing an agreement which will define activity against this budget for 2013-14.. As with the Social Fund there is accountability through the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Local Area Team on the use of this grant.. (Schedule 2)
  - (iii) **Winter Pressures:** Spending may again be allocated in 2013 by Department of Health for Supporting Local Resilience during winter and maintaining Access for 2013-14, with a requirement for local agreement between Councils and NHS partners. The Council and NHS partners are developing an agreed approach to utilising any such funding allocated for Supporting Local Resilience during winter and maintaining Access in 2013/14. Subject to funding being allocated for this purpose in 2013/14 the details will be appended to this agreement in due course.
  - (iv) **Joint Finance:** These are the recurrent joint finance arrangements in operation during 2013-14: (schedule 3)
  - (v) **NHS funded Posts:** There are a number of posts where recurrent funding was agreed by the PCT. (Schedule 4)

### 3. Notes

- (a) It was agreed in the 2012-13 section 256 agreement that the £319,500 per annum dowry payment would cease. From April 2013 the funding would be used instead to support the local implementation of the national dementia strategy.
- (b) An element of the Social Care Transfer grant is for the implementation of the Care and Support Bill currently before Parliament. Applying the national formula this amounts to 13.2% of the grant - £850,000

### 4. Wirral Council and the CCG confirm that:

- (i) The activities are set out in the Schedules to this agreement in accordance with DH guidance.
- (ii) The parties confirm that the investment in social care will benefit health and improve health gain
- (iii) The activities are social services expenditure within the meaning of Schedule I of the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970.
- (iv) Wirral Council will incur in 2013-14 expenditure on the scheduled activities
- (v) Wirral Council, Wirral CCG and NHS partners will share performance and finance data related to the proposed expenditure ensuring maximum benefit to the public. A joint dashboard will be developed and in place by 1<sup>st</sup> August 2013. This will include outcome measures relating to Schedule 1 of this agreement and as such will inform the future application of the Social Care Fund.
- (vi) The activities are consistent with DH priority for integration and definitions for the use of this grant outlined in the Letter to Chief Finance Officer, NHS Commissioning Board – ref. Gateway 18568. Local agreement defines the NHS transfer grant is to be used to support:
  - Community Equipment and Adaptations
  - Telecare
  - Crisis Response Services
  - Maintaining Eligibility Criteria
  - NHS/DASS Long Term Conditions Service Redesign Integration Programme
  - Care and Support Bill implementation
- (vii) The transfer of £8,166,417.50 is due and payable to Wirral Council within 30 days of the date of this agreement. This is comprised of £6,443,824 payable by the Area Team and £1,722,593.50 payable by the CCG.

**(viii)** In the event that Wirral Council expects it will not incur expenditure in 2013-14 on all the scheduled activities taken together, the parties will make best efforts to agree alternative activities. Any departure from scheduled activity to be highlighted in future discussion.

**(ix)** Wirral Council may carry over any unspent balance from 2013-14 into 2014-15 financial year.







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Date: ..... June 2013

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Date: ..... June 2013

**SCHEDULE 1 (NHS Social Care Fund allocation 2013-14)**

DH Category	Activity	Social Care Fund Grant Allocation	Supports and enables transformation and service redesign
Care and Support Bill	Implementation.	£850,000	
Community Equipment and Adaptations	Community equipment to facilitate supported discharges and maintain independent living in the community	£300,000	
Telecare	To provide assistive technology for service users to maximise their potential and facilitate a wider range of options for patients on supported discharge from hospitals	£500,000	
Crisis Response Services	Early supported hospital discharge schemes - The integrated on site discharge team at Arrowe Park Hospital.	£300,000	
Maintaining Eligibility Criteria	Additional Supported domiciliary care packages and short term placements on discharge from hospital. Long term support and care options which prevent and reduce admissions to hospital and care homes. Demographic growth and care package cost inflation	£4,193,824	
NHS/DASS LTC Service Redesign includes support - LTC Integration Programme	Social care integration initiatives in primary and community operational teams to support people with long term conditions and reduce hospital admissions. Long term support and care options which prevent and reduce admissions to hospital (extra care support contracts). Includes consultancy costs to transform services, improve integration, and improve best value in the defined areas. For example: This includes redesign arising from the following (not exhaustive) – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long term conditions programme redesign</li> <li>• Hospital admission and discharge redesign (unplanned care work stream)</li> <li>• Intermediate care redesign</li> <li>• Dementia redesign (National Dementia Strategy)</li> </ul>	£300,000	
<b>Total</b>		<b>£6,443,824</b>	

**SCHEDULE 2 (Re-ablement and Intermediate Care)**

DH Category	Activity	Transfer to Wirral Council	Supports and enables transformation and service redesign
<p>Recurrent NHS IC/Reablement contribution</p> <p>Re-ablement Grant ( £2,116,000)</p>	<p>(a) Recurrent NHS investment in Intermediate Care beds (total budget (12-13) - £1,385,840)</p> <p>(b) Recurrent NHS contribution to STAR (total budget (12-13) - £2,431,800)</p> <p><b>Wirral CCG has £2.116m, re-ablement grant allocated for 2013/14.</b> DASS and Wirral CCG will have completed service specifications for the provision of home-based domiciliary care services by end July 2013. The reconfiguration of intermediate care and re-ablement services are planned for 1st January 2014 implementation.</p> <p>The CCG have committed to continue to cover their recurrent contribution to Intermediate care and re-ablement services and the current review of these services will clarify use of the grant and this will be outlined in an appendix to this 256 agreement in August 2013</p>	<p>£300,000</p> <p>£650,000</p> <p>Subject to further agreement</p>	<p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p>
<p><b>Use of Re-ablement Grant</b></p> <p>Recurrent Transfer</p>	<p><b>To be confirmed (see above)</b></p>	<p><b>£950,000</b></p>	<p>✓</p>

**SCHEDULE 3 (Recurrent Joint Finance)**

DH Category	Activity					NHS Transfer	Supports and enables transformation and service redesign
Maintaining Eligibility Criteria	Aids & Adaptations: Contributions towards the costs of Aids and Adaptations not covered by the joint loan store arrangements, such as external hand rails and concrete steps. These aids and adaptations support independence delaying the need for full time care and reduced hospital admissions. The budget will provide our target of approximately 225 adaptations at an average cost of £2,000..					132,840	✓
	2010-11	2011-12	2011-12 Capped	2012-13	2013-14		
	£	£	£	£	£		
	479,998	504,052	504,052	463,298	450,000		
	141,700	148,801	141,700	136,770	132,840		
	29.52%	29.52%	28.11%	29.52%	29.52%		
Promoting Independence	Visual Impairment: The visual impairment service provides services to those users who are registered blind or partially sighted. This support goes towards the costs of providing assessment services to service users. Based on RAP A1 and A11 data the total number of people with a visual impairment who received a new assessment was 88 and approximately 475 individuals with a visual impairment were in receipt of a service during 2012/13.					19,862	✓
	2010-11	2011-12	2011-12 Capped	2012-13	2013-14		
	£	£	£	£	£		
	191,860	144,520	144,520	127,721	125,000		
	30,490	22,967	22,967	20,297	19,862		
	15.89%	15.89%	15.89%	15.89%	15.89%		
Promoting Independence	Loan Store: The increasing costs of this service is reflected by the increase for independence by service users, as the authority moves to support more people to live independently for longer and delay the need for full time care and reduced hospital admissions					8,008	✓
	2010-11	2011-12	2011-12 Capped	2012-13	2013-14		
	£	£	£	£	£		
	670,378	726,000	726,000	546,000	520,000		
	10,300	11,155	10,300	8,389	8,008		
	1.54%	1.54%	1.42%	1.54%	1.54%		
Joint Working	Joint Finance Support: This contributes to the cost of administering joint financing arrangements including accounting, payments, raising recharge invoices, contract monitoring visits, quality assurance checks and dealing with queries from providers.					16,330	✓
	2010-11	2011-12	2011-12 Capped	2012-13	2013-14		
	£	£	£	£	£		
	182,490	182,922	174,967	165,456	160,710		
	16,330	16,330	16,330	16,330	16,330		
<b>Total</b>						<b>177,040</b>	

**SCHEDULE 4 (PCT agreed NHS funded posts)**

<b>Post</b>	<b>Transfer to Wirral Council (£)</b>
Rapid Access Workers x 3 Full year costs of agency staff	156,590.00
MH Carers Project Support Admin Support (0.5)	9,538.19
MH carers project worker	37,002.24
MH Family Support	28,302.15
MH Crisis Resolution & Home Treatment Service	155,742.92
Early Onset Dementia Team	47,808.00
MH Crisis Intervention	137,515.00
FNC Administration	23,054.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>595,552.50</b>

**Summary Schedule**

	<b>2013 -14 (£)</b>
Schedule 1	6,443,824
Schedule 2	950,000
Schedule 3	177,040
Schedule 4	595,552.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,166,417.50</b>