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NHS SUPPORT FOR SOCIAL CARE 2011 - 2013

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1. Summary

- 1.1 This report is to advise the Health and Wellbeing Board of the local plans regarding the 'NHS support for Social Care' investment.
- 1.2 In January 2011 the Department of Health issued guidance (Gateway 15434 – Appendix 1) setting out expectations and guidance for targeted investment.
- 1.3 The funding was allocated with specific guidance for each of the core areas in terms of target, outcomes and local agreement. In some instances pooled budget agreements were recommended, in others the PCT remain the fund holder and in others the PCT were instructed to transfer the money directly to local authorities.
- 1.4 Any transfers between the NHS and Local Authority were to be made by an agreement under section 256 of the 2006 NHS Act.
- 1.5 There are 3 key areas covered within this report:
 - Reablement
 - PCT allocations for Social Care
 - New Resources for Carers breaks

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note and approve the progress that has been made to date in agreeing the priority and expenditure areas.
- 2.1 That the Health and Wellbeing Board receive a year end report on the impact of the investment.

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4. Financial Implications

4.1 The financial expenditure plans are confirmed in Appendix 2 and 3

5. Background

5.1 The Operating Framework for the NHS in England 2011-12 confirmed that specific allocations for social care were to be made through PCT's from 2011. The individual allocations were:

- Reablement £866,000
- Social Care £3,742,000
- New Resources for Carers (£400M nationally – Shropshire's allocation to be confirmed)

In Shropshire the PCT and Local Authority have worked closely together to agree the plans for both the Reablement allocation and the social care allocation. A workshop was held in February 2011 to discuss priority areas and include representatives across the local health and social care economy.

5.1.1 Reablement:

The NHS Operating Framework identified further monies to support reablement activities (One off monies having being provided December 2010 – March 2011). This funding is intended to increase reablement capacity in Councils, community health services, the independent and voluntary sectors with the objectives of ensuring rapid recovery from acute episodes in reducing people dependency on social care services following discharge.

The local reablement plan for the 2011-2012 allocation (£866.000) has been developed and agreed between the council and the PCT. This plan is now actively being implemented and builds upon the pilot work. An update report on reablement is contained within appendix 2.

5.1.2 Specific PCT allocations for Social Care Support:

These allocations recognise the financial pressures upon councils and are designed to mitigate the impact upon the NHS of cuts in social care spending and to improve joint working on health and social care outcomes.

Shropshire has received £3.742 million of this funding for 2011-2012 with an indicative allocation for 2012-2013 of £3.597 million.

The social care expenditure plan has been developed to meet the outcomes of existing commissioning plans, priority areas within the adult social care

service and to support service re-configuration in light of the local authority efficiency plan.

Shropshire Council produced a detailed plan setting out the use of the allocation based upon priority outcome areas. This plan has been shared with the PCT and approved and key areas are included within appendix 2. The plans both identify the key area and also the identified health benefit.

The Operating Framework specified that the transfer funds must be carried out using a section 256 agreement. A draft 256 agreement on the basis of the plan in appendix 2 has been developed and is currently in the process of being signed.

5.1.3 New Resources for Carers Breaks 2011-2015:

The Department of Health announced new resources of £400 million to be made available to the NHS over the 2011-15 period. The focus of this investment to enable more carers to take breaks from their caring responsibilities.

The Framework clarified that the PCT should pool budget with local authorities to provide carers breaks, as far as possible, via direct payments for personal health budgets. For 2011-12, PCT's should agree policies, plans and budgets to support carers with local authorities and local carers organisations and make them available to local people.

Shropshire PCT has not been able to identify this additional funding for Shropshire and is currently undertaking an exercise to confirm all existing carers related expenditure. The PCT is working closely with the Carers Partnership Board to build on the existing carers support provided by both local authority and the PCT.

6 Conclusions

- 6.1 These additional funding streams are supportive of service change and development. Locally robust plans have been developed to confirm expenditure and outcomes in line with the DOH guidance. The Health and Well-being Board will clearly have an interest and oversight role in the expenditure and a report on progress at the end of the financial year.

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)
None
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Local Member

Appendices

Appendix 1 Gateway Number 15434 NHS Support For Social Care

Appendix 2 Reablement Update

Appendix 3 Social Care Monies Expenditure plan