

SHROPSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING EXECUTIVE

UPDATE ON ACTIVITY AND MONITORING OF S256 FUNDING TRANSFERRED FROM SHROPSHIRE CCG TO SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL

1. Introduction

Following agreement on a set of outcome measures for the use Section 256 monies by the Health & Wellbeing Board, the attached report provides the second performance update in relation to these measures.

2. Recommendations

- Note the activity to date against each of the expenditure allocations.
- Agree that annual performance activity against the suite of Local Authority performance indicators (both national and local indicators) are reported to the board in the Autumn of each year once validated and published by the information centre.
- That the Health and Wellbeing Board prioritises areas for in depth review as part of the forward plan to include preventive services and locality commissioning.

REPORT

3. Purpose of Report

This report provides an update on the use of funds transferred during 2013/14 from NHS England on behalf of Shropshire CCG to the local authority under a section 256 agreement.

The transfer from NHS England to the Local Authority of funds totalling in the region of £4.9 million and the areas it is to be spent against was agreed by the Health and Wellbeing Board in September 2013

The funds were allocated to both existing expenditure as well as to areas that strengthen adult safeguarding and prevention and to new initiatives such as the development of locality commissioning.

Some areas of expenditure have well established national performance indicators from the Adult Social Care Outcomes Framework (ASCOF) which on an annual basis are comparable against the performance of other Local Authorities whereas others have a suite of local indicators allocated to them e.g. safeguarding which measure local performance and are for internal use.

4. Background

Traditionally, in line with the National Health Service Act 2006, annually under a Section 256 Agreement, health monies have been transferred to Local Authorities to support Adult Social Care in relation to activities carried out by the Local Authority which relate to the health of individuals, the provision of health services or are of benefit to the wider health and care system in the area of the Local Authority. In the future this funding will become part of and included in the Better Care Fund (BCF).

5. Engagement

Not applicable for the reporting of performance and activity, but will be applicable going forward as the use and plans for the Better Care Fund are developed locally.

6. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal (including Equalities, Finance, Rural Issues)

Performance monitoring against this funding was not a formal requirement until September 2013. The first iteration of the populated performance and outcome monitoring Framework was presented to the HWBB in January 2014 and the current report gives the full year position. As this arrangement is now superseded by the Better Care Fund the identification and management of risk will be undertaken via that structure and a Better Care Fund Risk Assurance Framework has been developed.

<p>List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)</p> <p>Health and Wellbeing Board 24 January 2014: Better Care Funding and Update on activity and monitoring of s256 funding transferred from Shropshire CCG to Shropshire Council</p>
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<p>Local Member</p> <p>All – this is a countywide matter.</p>
<p>Appendices</p> <p>Appendix A – Update report on activity and performance Appendix B – Shropshire RCC Performance Report</p>