

APPENDIX 3

Justification re transfer of funding for Leeds Survivor Led Crisis Service (LSLCS) and the Connect telephone helpline and the Leeds Mind employment service to the North Clinical Commissioning Group (NCCG) using Section 76 agreements. Aligning the Touchstone Community Support Team (CST) with the North Clinical Commissioning Group (NCCG).

It has been agreed in principle by the Integrated Commissioning Executive (ICE) that the NCCG and ASC should work more closely together with the possibility of developing a pooled fund under the aegis of Better Care Fund. The council has different obligations for procurement to the NCCG and in order to maximise the gains from this we are proposing two Section 76 of the National Health Service Act 2006 transfers of contracts and budgets to maximise efficiency and high quality future partnership work.

ASC is seeking permission from the Director of Adult Social Services to transfer the budgets to the NCCG from 1 April 2017 for:

- I. the employment service element of Leeds Mind as the NCCG commission the much larger mental health employment service also provided by Leeds Mind. The expectation would be that the service would continue to support those individuals not entering the service via a CMHT. The value of this element of the contract is £173,200 and it would be reduced by 10 per cent before transferring to the NCCG, giving a saving of £17,320.
- II. LSLCS including the Connect telephone helpline from 1st April 2017 as the NCCG have responsibility for the Crisis Care Concordat. The ASC value of this contract is £114,470. If this is not agreed a new contract would have to be entered via a waiver for at least another year. However, the NCCG are not obliged to subject this service to a procurement exercise and it would not be possible for ASC to procure this service on its own due to the dependency on the majority of the budget coming from the NCCG.
- III. the CST element of the Touchstone contract is aligned with the NCCG half of the service and that the CST budget is reduced by ten percent as it was not reduced in the previous two rounds of budget reductions giving a saving of £22,386. This would allow for the service to be remodelled in line with changes to the Community Based Mental Health Service that is to be procured.