

# Leeds Health & Wellbeing Board

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**Report to:** Leeds Health and Wellbeing Board

**Date:** 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015

**Subject:** 2014/15 Section 256 re Health Funding for Leeds City Council to invest in services to benefit health and overall health gain

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| Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | X <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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## Summary of main issues

This report seeks approval of the section 256 agreement made between the CCGs and Leeds City Council in relation to the monies identified by the Department of Health for transfer to local authorities.

## Recommendations

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked:

- To approve the attached s256 Grant agreement for Funding for Leeds City Council to invest in services to benefit health and overall health gain: 2014/15

## **1 Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 It is an expectation of NHS England (NHSE) that the 256 agreement between NHSE and the Local Authority to transfer funds to invest in services to benefit health and overall health gain, which is produced by Adult Social Care and the 3 Leeds Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG's) is approved by the Health and Well Being Board

## **2 Background information**

- 2.1 This transfer of funds has been an annual occurrence for the last few years. From last year the agreement has been between NHSE and Leeds City Council and is based on funding identified by NHSE for this purpose. For 2014/15 the funding is £15,174,176. However the detail of the allocation of the funding is agreed locally between the CCG's and Adult Social Care. The 256 agreement outlines how ASC will use the funding to support services that benefit health and overall health gain.

## **3 Main issues**

- 3.1 The attached 'document covers the legal framework and governance of the agreement
- 3.2 It also covers the areas that the funding is allocated to. It should be noted that this is not funding to develop new services, but rather to maintain services in critical areas. This is £15,174,176 for Leeds City Council to invest in social care services to benefit health and to improve overall health gain and to ensure sustainability, consolidation and a whole system approach to deliver the Joint Health and Well Being Strategy and in particular the Better Lives in Leeds programme. This focuses on Housing Care and Support, Integration with Health, and Enterprise and includes supporting and developing transformation within; Homecare, Dementia care, Personalisation and investment in the Third Sector to support early intervention and prevention and expanded social capital. This funding builds on previous years and allows for maintained funding as outlined in Schedule 4 of the agreement attached
- 3.3 Although the transfer is from NHSE to the Local Authority, the agreement is produced locally by ASC and the CCG's
- 3.4 NHSE expects the Health and Well-Being Board to have sight of and approve the 256 agreement
- 3.5 Once agreed, NHSE will release the funding to Leeds City Council

## **4 Health and Wellbeing Board Governance**

### **4.1 Consultation and Engagement**

- 4.1.1 There has been no specific consultation on the 256 itself. However, the services contained within the Schedule, such as Homecare, Dementia, Mental Health, etc. have themselves been subject to extensive consultation

## **4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration**

4.2.1 As this relates to the funding of existing services, there are no equality and diversity impacts.

## **4.3 Resources and value for money**

4.3.1 The financial detail is contained within the agreement. The guidance from the Department of Health that relates to the agreement notes that: *'The Board may use the funding transfer to support existing services or transformation programmes, where such services or programmes are of benefit to the wider health and care system, provide good outcomes for service users, and would be reduced due to budget pressures in local authorities without this investment'*.

## **4.4 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

4.4.1 The agreement is a grant agreement and the legal implications are contained within the documents framework. It is open to the public and is not subject to 'Call in'.

## **4.5 Risk Management**

4.5.1 Financial processes are already in place within Adult Social Care for the oversight of this funding.

## **5 Conclusions**

5.1 The Section 256 agreement builds on previous years agreements. It has been developed in partnership between Adult Social Care and the Clinical Commissioning Groups and meets the requirements of NHS England. It now requires sign off from the Health and Well Being Board in order for the financial transfer to take place.

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