

**Proposals for Investment of 2011/12 in NHS Support Social Care Funding – NHS Bassetlaw PCT and NHS Nottinghamshire County PCT**

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**1. Transitions – Younger Adult Services £500k**

The funding will facilitate a shift in strategy to provide, wherever possible, young people with community alternatives rather than residential placements. A higher level of support will be required in the short-term, reducing over time and providing people with more appropriate support at better value.

The Council is also managing the implications of the reductions in previous funding streams from Central Government such as the Independent Living Fund. This increases the level of care the Council is required to fund.

**2. Direct Payments - £1 million**

A further increase in demand for Direct Payments is anticipated as more adults are assisted to remain at home with support packages and as we further implement the personalisation agenda.

**3. Rushcliffe – Home Care Capacity - £100k**

Recent analysis of home care capacity across the County has identified particular pressures in the Rushcliffe area, requiring additional investment in order to avoid unnecessary waiting for packages of care and to enable safe transfer from hospital settings into the community.

**4. Occupational Therapy Capacity Issues - £300k**

During the re-organisation of the department and providing access to services through the Customer Service Centre and the START (reablement service), some occupational therapy staff have been moved in order to establish these services. During the transition period, we are experiencing waiting lists in the community teams which require a one-off increase in resources in order to reduce waiting times and provide necessary occupational therapy assessments and services as appropriate. As various changes are embedded we anticipate that the pressure will ease.

**5. Infocare Development - £200k**

The authority has developed an Electronic Monitoring System (Infocare) which is used by all independent sector providers. The system will require an upgrade in the near future. Work needs to be undertaken to identify an appropriate alternative whilst continuing to assure the quality and cost effectiveness of the service.

**6. Addressing the Pressures in the Assessment Care Management Teams - £400k**

As part of Putting People First a new assessment process (self directed support assessment) was introduced. As a result of these changes, waiting times for assessments have increased temporarily. The funding will be used to supply additional resources on a short-term basis in order to reducing the waiting times for people requiring assessment.

**7. Respite – Dementia Care - £150k**

The prevalence of dementia is due to increase by 52% in Nottinghamshire between now and 2025. There has been an increase in the number of older people and their carers requiring support and assistance, including respite care. This funding will provide carers with much needed breaks and additional resources would be required to facilitate this.

**8. Assessment Beds to Facilitate Hospital Discharge - £250k**

As part of the countywide work with Health colleagues to ensure safe and timely transfers of care from hospital to the community, and to assist with our intention to reduce the numbers of people entering long-term care in the future, assessment beds will be created across the County. These beds will offer a short-term service enabling a fuller assessment of older people outside hospital. This will help to reduce the number of people who will be admitted directly from hospital to long-term care in the future. Funding will provide for up to 30 assessment beds as a pilot to be evaluated and reviewed.

**9. Bassetlaw – Specific Issues e.g. Home Care - £108k**

Specific pressures in relation to home care and reablement services have been identified in the Bassetlaw area requiring additional investment to increase capacity and, therefore, provide additional support for people enabling them to remain in their own homes, wherever possible.

**10. Older People Cost and Needs Pressures - £1.3 million**

The cost of providing care and support services are increasing, including residential and community-based care. In addition, the increase in the numbers of people requiring care and support is significant as we enable more people to live within local communities. These pressures will continue into the future and will require additional funding in order to ensure appropriate capacity.

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**11. Outreach Extra Care**

A pilot recently completed in the Bassetlaw District has produced encouraging results and is assisting in helping people remain in local communities. The intention is to roll these services out across other districts in the County, therefore requiring development and investment monies in order to establish the services.

**12. Home Care Service Costs - £1.5 million**

The costs of providing home care services are increasing with providers seeking additional funding in order to provide the level and quality of care required across the County. This is particularly the case in hard to serve areas such as rural communities and as we move to a reablement approach to care.

**13. Developing Alternatives to Long-Term Care - £730k**

A project has been established in order to reduce the number of admissions into long-term care over the next 4 years. In order to achieve this, alternatives to long-term care need to be developed which include additional intermediate care/reablement services, increased use of assistive technology and further investment in handy person adaptation schemes. Collectively, these services provide real alternatives for many people in order to help them avoid or delay admissions in to long-term care.

**14. Discharge Protocols – Services - £200k**

Work is currently underway with the Acute Sector Trusts in order to identify ways of improving working arrangements in relation to transfers of care from hospitals to the community. This work will require some additional resources, freeing up some experienced staff to work closely with health colleagues to review and improve existing policies, processes and procedures.

**15. Older Peoples Floating Support Service - £300k**

This is to fund a floating support service providing appropriate advice, guidance and support to older people but in a more cost effective way. Additional resources will be used to fund this pilot and to evaluate its effectiveness.

**16. Mental Health Reablement Services - £207k**

The funding will be used to develop a reablement service across the County for people with mental ill health. Additional reablement services are normally geared towards the needs of older people and, therefore, do not always meet the psychological needs of people with a mental illness.

**17. Occupational Therapy Equipment - £21k**

This funding will enable a supply of small items of equipment used to support people with their daily living will be purchased and used by the START/reablement team to help people regain confidence and assist with everyday tasks that they would otherwise find difficult.

**18. Falls Prevention Support - £40k**

A significant number of older people requiring social care including residential and nursing home placements, do so after a fall.

This is to build on the existing work around falls prevention enhancing existing services and increasing their capacity in order to prevent additional accidents requiring either hospital and/or social care services. There is a growing demand for falls prevention advice and support.