

**REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ADULT SOCIAL CARE & PUBLIC
HEALTH COMMITTEE****LEARNING DISABILITY AND AUTISM COMMUNITY DISCHARGE GRANT****Purpose of the Report**

1. The report details the provision of the Learning Disability and Autism Community Discharge Grant to Nottinghamshire County Council by the Department of Health and Social Care and seeks approval to accept and administer the Grant on behalf of the Nottinghamshire Transforming Care Partnership.

Information

2. In the Budget announced on 11th March 2020, the government committed to providing funding over the next three years to speed up the discharge of individuals with learning disabilities or autism into the community from mental health inpatient care in England. This will be known as the 'Learning Disability and Autism Community Discharge Grant'.
3. The Grant will provide additional monies for local authorities in England in 2020/21, distributed as a Section 31 grant. The intended use of the Grant is to alleviate 'double running costs', which have been identified as a barrier to discharge. Double running costs occur in the period before a formal discharge when a person is still an inpatient requiring a bed, and a community care package is also in place. The revenue costs could be associated with staff costs, training, rent or other support costs. This funding will help Transforming Care Partnerships (TCPs) to facilitate discharge as part of the recovery period post-Covid 19.
4. The Nottinghamshire TCP is a partnership between Nottingham City Council, Nottinghamshire County Council and Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group who along with NHS England are responsible for commissioning health and care services for people in the area.
5. Funding, for the first of the three years, will be allocated using a custom distribution methodology. This links the allocations to a TCP's share of the total number of people with a learning disability and/or autism who are inpatients. Actual inpatient numbers are being used to forecast where double running costs will occur. Under this methodology, all TCPs will receive some funding. This approach uses the most reliable data, at TCP level, as opposed to local authority level.

6. The proposal is that each TCP nominates a lead local authority who will receive the Grant payment. The TCP will then be responsible for distributing the monies between the local authorities in their Partnership, based on need and local intelligence. In Nottinghamshire the County Council has taken on the role of administering other TCP monies through a Section 256 agreement and it has therefore been requested that it is the County Council which takes the lead on this new Grant allocation.
7. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) will be signed by the Council as the lead local authority. This will be non-legally binding but will set out the expectations for the Grant.
8. The Grant will be payable for the financial years 2020/21 to 2022/23 (inclusive). Funding for 2020/21 will be £401,753. Indicative allocations for 2021/22 and 2022/23 will be made ahead of each of those financial years and will be subject to consultation.

Other Options Considered

9. No other options have been considered.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

10. Adult Social Care is able to administer the Grant on behalf of the Transforming Care Partnership, ensuring funding is used appropriately to alleviate the double running costs of the local authority and partners.

Statutory and Policy Implications

11. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

12. The Grant will be payable for the financial years 2020/21 to 2022/23 (inclusive). Funding for 2020/21 will be £401,753. Indicative allocations for 2021/22 and 2022/23 will be made ahead of each of those financial years and will be subject to consultation. This money will be used across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire to offset additional “double running” costs incurred when a service user is transitioning from a hospital inpatient setting into a community placement, during which time costs may need to be paid to secure transitional staffing costs, or fees to secure a community placement pending discharge.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That Committee agrees to the County Council receiving and administering the Learning Disability and Autism Community Discharge Grant allocation for financial years 2020/21 to 2022/23 on behalf of the Transforming Care Partnership.

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Constitutional Comments (AK 06/08/20)

13. The report falls within the remit of Policy Committee under the financial regulations in the Constitution.

Financial Comments (KAS 06/08/20)

14. The financial implications are contained within paragraph 12 of this report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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