

East Lothian
Integration Joint Board



REPORT TO: East Lothian Integration Joint Board

MEETING DATE: 30 March 2017

BY: Chief Finance Officer

SUBJECT: Initial Position Statement on the use of Social Care Fund to Support Additionality in Social Care Provision.

1. PURPOSE

1.1 This report is to inform the Integration Joint Board of the interim position with regard to the use of the Social Care Fund in 2016/17 to support additionality of service provision in the delivery of social care with plans to have a final position update to be provided by June 2017 once year end budget processes have been completed.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The IJB is asked to:

- 2.1 Note this interim position statement on the use of Social Care Fund.
- 2.2 Note that a full update will be forthcoming in June 2017 once all the financial information is available on completion of year end processing of accounts for 2016/17.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 In 2016 the Scottish Government (SG) made available £250 million known as the Social Care Fund, of which East Lothian Health & Social Care Partnership's share was £4.37 million, with the aim of Supporting and developing social care services
- 3.2 In line with the Scottish Government's ambitions, half of the fund was to be used to support pressures including the delivery of the living wage and half to support

'additionality' including progress on charging thresholds. At its September meeting, the IJBs agreed that a further £0.8m from the £2.2 million for additionality would be transferred to support the delivery of the living wage thus leaving £1.4 million for this purpose.

3.3 The costs of moving the charging threshold from 16.5% to 25% has now been projected at c. £0.2m which leaves a sum of c. £1.2m for additionality

3.4 This sum of £1.2m was put into the commissioning budget headings to support increased provision in social care. Although data is still coming through which only allows for this interim position statement at this stage, early indications are that some additionality has been achieved which will increase into the next financial year.

3.5 Examples of additionality above the cost of thresholds and high cost packages known in September 2016 include:

- Investment of £90,000 for the piloting of a new model of service delivery within the community through Neighbourhood Networks. This model of community provision allows for individuals to be linked to their immediate communities and supports mutual networking for individuals on a peer group basis and as such is a new model for EL.
- Further £200,000 to put in place two packages of care for two individuals with complex support needs allowing for their individual outcomes to be better met
- Completed assessments in the first 5 weeks of the year (2016-17) averaged 56 with a rise to 74 per week for the last 5 weeks of the year indicating increased activity and support provided.
- 432 completely new Care at Home packages have been set up providing a total of 3,400 hours per week. A further 400 Care at Home packages have been restarted after a patient's discharge from hospital. The total number of weekly hours of Care at Home required but unfilled has averaged 1,668 at the end of each week, it currently stands at 1,650 but did reach a peak of 2,109 during December indicating increased capacity and provision in recent months.
- Delayed discharges reached a peak of 62 for August and September – however, the figure currently stands at just 24 (at the time of writing) indicating increased capacity within the community.
- An average of 16 new Residential/Nursing placements have been started every month.
- There were 23 new SDS Option 1s set up during the year and a current total of 145; there were 41 new Option 2 packages which, added to those extant at the start of year, leads to a current total of 92.

- Some limited Social Care Fund was used to support the temporary expansion of officer capacity to support key projects linked to developing new models of care at home and housing support provision including temporary qualified social workers to increase the number of SDS outcome-focused assessments being undertaken with clients.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 This position statement is in line with agreement reached on the use and apportioning of the Social Care Fund.

5 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

5.1 The subject of this report will undergo an Integrated Impact Assessment process once full year affect is known.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial – The financial implications are discussed above.

6.2 Personnel – The use of the Social Care Fund has successfully supported the implementation of the living wage across the social care workforce within the external providers commissioned by East Lothian Council.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 IJB –September '16 meeting – Financial Assurance Update.

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