

Report to:	Health and Wellbeing Board
Relevant Officer:	Karen Smith, Deputy Director of People
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Kath Rowson, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care
Date of Meeting:	22 October 2014

ADULT SOCIAL CARE- SECTION 256 MONIES TRANSFER

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To consider an update on the proposed services and values in respect of the funding transfer for Adult Social Care from NHS England to Blackpool Council.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To discuss and accept the proposed schedule, which is in accordance with the joint working of Health and Social Care services

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 Health and Wellbeing Boards are required to authorise the transfer of Section 256 monies

- 3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

- 3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

- 3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

Not to authorise the transfer of Section 256 monies.

4.0 Council Priority:

- 4.1 The relevant Council Priority is

- Improve health and well-being especially for the most disadvantaged

5.0 Background Information

- 5.1 In December 2012 it was announced (Department for Health Gateway reference 18568) that funding to support Adult Social Care had been passed to NHS England as part of the 2013/2014 Mandate.
- 5.2 For the 2014/2015 financial year, NHS England will transfer £1,100m from the Mandate to Local Authorities.
- 5.3 Payment locally will be made via a Section 256 of the 2006 NHS Act and equates to £4,141,888 for Blackpool.
- 5.4 Unlike previous years where the Section 256 schedule was signed off by the local Primary Care Trust and Local Authority, this year approval and discussion also has to take place with the Health and Wellbeing Board and NHS England local area team.
- 5.5 The funding must be used to support Adult Social Care services in each Local Authority which also has a health benefit. There will be a responsibility to link the funding proposals to joint commissioning plans with regard also to the joint strategic needs assessment for our local population.
- 5.6 NHS England will also make it a condition of the transfer that Local Authorities demonstrate how the funding transfer will make a positive difference to social care services and outcomes for service users, compared to service plans in the absence of funding.
- 5.7 The attached schedule at Appendix 4a summarises the analysis of spend that shall be attributed to each area and this has been agreed with Blackpool Clinical Commissioning Group.
- 5.8 Monitoring systems and outcome specific measurements can be determined in conjunction with NHS England once the domains have been agreed. It is suggested that these shall be brought back to the Health and Wellbeing Board for consideration.

5.9 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.10 List of Appendices:

Appendix 10 (a) - Summary analysis of spend
Appendix 10 (b) – Service allocation schedule

6.0 Legal considerations:

- 6.1 Payment locally will be made via a Section 256 of the 2006 NHS Act.

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7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 The funding pays for services, including employee costs

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 None identified

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 Payment locally equates to £4,141,888 for Blackpool.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 Monies would not be transferred, services would cease, outcomes for people in Blackpool would not be achieved, and staff would be redundant

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 Discussion between relevant Health and Social Care Commissioners, senior managers, and finance officers

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 None