

Committee: Health and Wellbeing Board

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Wards: All

Subject: Section 256 Funds Transfer

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Forward Plan reference number:

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Recommendation:

A. To agree the proposed allocation of Section 256 Funding deployed via Merton Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to gain the agreement of the Health and Wellbeing Board to the proposed allocation of Section 256 Funding.

2. DETAILS

NHS England makes funds available on an annual basis to transfer to Local Authorities recognising that Adult Social Care plays a key role in keeping people out of hospital and seeking timely discharge for those who have been admitted. The sum allocated for Merton for 2013/14 is £2,676,894. Proposals to apportion this are as follows;

2.1 Spend on Integrated Community Equipment Services - £200,000

Items of equipment prescribed by Occupational Therapists are a key factor in enabling people to return home from hospital and/or delay admission to both hospitals and residential care.

2.2 Telecare - £400,000

This figure is spent in two ways; general Telecare provided by MASCOT, which enables people to remain living in their own homes knowing that if they fall or experience a fit a member of staff will call or visit to ensure that they are safe. This intervention, as well as providing reassurance to the individual and their family, is effective in preventing unnecessary 999 calls and hospital admissions. Merton is also investing in assessment and monitoring equipment such as 'Just Checking' which enables a clearer assessment to be made with regard to what

care is needed and when, enabling both health and social care intervention to be deployed efficiently.

2.3 Integrated Crisis and Rapid Response Services - £100,000

Merton CCG is developing a Rapid Response Team to focus on delaying and preventing admission to hospitals. Social Service contribution to this is through access to Merton's MILES service which will deploy care and if required equipment to support people remaining at home.

2.4 Reablement Services - £900,000

As above Merton MILES service provides care and targeted support to both prevent hospital admission and facilitate timely discharge.

2.5 Preventative Services - £20,000

Merton funds a number of local voluntary groups under the Ageing Well initiative which provides an incontinence service.

2.6 Other Social Care - £1,056,894

This figure is spent in three areas;

Integrated packages of care - £800,894 – these packages are for example night care services for vulnerable people discharged from hospital with no-one at home to help care for them. This group includes people supported by Mental Health services.

Project Integration Costs - £236,000 – this pays for three social workers who are assigned to community health teams and a project manager overseeing improved links with these teams. Merton is also setting up a project to address the issue of people with Learning Disabilities and Autism who require specialist services.

Medication Management - £20,000 – this pays for home care visits where the carer ensures that the customer takes their prescribed medication.

2.7 Merton CCG broadly supports this proposal which reflects areas of their commissioning plan, and wishes to firm up more detailed monitoring of the expenditure.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

3.1 It is a requirement that Section 256 is agreed by the Health and Wellbeing Board.

4. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

4.1 None for the purpose of this report.

5. TIMETABLE

N/A.

6. FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 None for the purpose of this report.

7. LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

7.1 None for the purpose of this report.

8. HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS

8.1 None for the purpose of this report.

9. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

9.1 None for the purpose of this report.

10. RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

10.1 None for the purpose of this report.

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