

**SOUTHWARK PRIMARY CARE TRUST BOARD**

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**1. Recommendation to the Trust Board**

- To note the level of additional monies Southwark has received from the Department of Health in respect of 2010 Winter Pressures (£408,000 (October 2010) and £950,140 (January 2011) )
- To note the broad areas of spend that the 2010/11 allocations will support and agree the transfer of the allocation to the Local Authority under Section 256 of the NHS Act 2006.
- To note the £4.4m ring-fenced allocation for 2011/12 in PCT allocations for adult social care services which benefit health.

**2. Background / Context**

The Department of Health has allocated additional investment for 2010-11 to Primary Care Trusts in England to reduce the impact of winter pressures on the health and social care system. This amounts to £408,000 (October 2010) and £950,140 (January 2011). This is separate to the £4.4m specific monies for post-discharge services and reablement services announced in the Spending Review that have been incorporated within recurrent PCT allocations for 2011-12 as part of the Government's long-term investment in reablement services which support people to live at home independently.

To ensure effective and efficient joined up working between the NHS and Local Government, PCTs are to work together with local authorities to agree jointly on appropriate areas for social care investment, and the outcomes expected from this investment.

### **3. Key issues for consideration**

1. In October 2010 £408,000 winter pressure / reablement money for Southwark was released by the Department of Health. A joint proposal between the PCT and Local Authority was agreed by the Senior Management Team in December 2010 to build on the learning from the Intermediate Care Team, the former Urgent Care Team and the success of the Community Reablement team to support the integration of our current offer and expand the services to develop a new Rapid Response and Access service.

Adult Social Care is leading on the implementation of this in order to achieve a quick win in response to the issues identified by the Urgent Care Network which highlighted a gap in timely social care response at Accident and Emergency, particularly at Guys & St Thomas' Hospital. This response is now in place, and will link to the wider work to remodel intermediate care.

The cost of this expanded service will require a level of on-going additional investment as the existing model was not fully funded, and due to the planned expansion of the offer. The level of additional on-going investment is currently being analysed.

2. A further £162m 'Additional Winter Pressures to Primary Care Trusts' was announced in January 2011 and the Southwark allocation amounts to £950,140. This money is to be transferred to local authorities to invest in social care services to benefit health by way of Section 256 of 2006 NHS Act.

The Southwark Transformation Board has recommended that the additional monies support the following areas of spend:

- To continue the provision of Integrated Equipment (ICES) while work is done to ensure that funding formulas reflect true need. It is important to continue this spend as this facilitates people to live at home with the aid of supportive equipment.
- To facilitate further enhancement of rapid response and assessment services.
- To increase investment in assistive technology to maximise potential for keeping clients out of care and hospital services.
- To increase the investment and capacity for step down services that can be further supported through mainstream budgets from health and social care.
- To ensure the continuation of services for people with mental health issues and learning disabilities.

3. Southwark Council has to make an unprecedented level of savings in 2011/12 onwards. Southwark PCT will transfer the sum of £4.4m ring-fenced monies for joint working to prevent the reduction of front-line social care services at the health interface (eg. Home care, hospital discharge services etc) and to support

transformation of the whole system. This level of reduction means that this money will be essential to ensure some substitution of our current valued services such as the hospital discharge teams.

We are in the process of establishing a clear strategic position in Southwark that underpins a joint health and care strategy on prevention and intermediate care. This includes work with GPs as part of the successful application for pathfinder status.

The Deputy Director of Adult Social Care is Chair of a newly established Whole System Intermediate Care / Reablement Strategic Group that will provide leadership and governance channels in respect of joint working to deliver a robust planning and implementation process for the utilisation and development of relevant local services.

We plan to return to the next Board meeting with the details of our planned commitments and agree transfer arrangements for the £4.4m.

#### **4. Policy and performance implications**

Improving reablement services is a national priority and is highlighted in 'A Vision for Adult Social Care'. This agenda will be delivered as part of the South East London Sector Strategic Plan.

The Department of Health has indicated that they will require PCTs to work in partnership with Local Authority to deliver this agenda and this builds on Southwark's existing positive relationships.

#### **5. Risk implications and Actions Taken**

Working across the whole system will be required to deliver the change profile required to deliver appropriate joined up services. Strong governance regarding decision making processes must be in place to sustain momentum and developments.

#### **6. Impact statements**

This will be taken forward as part of strategic development of services to ensure that key impacts are known and appropriate adjustments are made as required.

Appendices:

- 1) Extract from Operating Framework
- 2) Letters re the 2010/11 monies

