

**Agenda Item No 7(i)**

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

**17 June 2014**

**Report of the Strategic Director for Children & Younger Adults**

**POOLED BUDGET FOR CHILDREN WITH COMPLEX NEEDS – (Children and Young People)**

**1 Purpose of the Report**

For Cabinet to consider the revised arrangements for and to approve the extension of a formal partnership agreement and pooled budget arrangement (**the Partnership**) between Derbyshire County Council's Children & Younger Adults and Adult Care Departments (**the Authority**) and the four Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Groups (**the CCG's**) to provide and fund support packages for children and young people with complex needs.

**2. Information and Analysis**

Children and young people under the age of 19 with complex needs require input from a number of different agencies to meet those needs, including all or a combination of social care, health care and support for educational special needs.

In support of children and young people with complex needs, a formal partnership agreement between the Authority and Derbyshire PCT, pursuant to Section 75 of the National Health Service (NHS) Act 2006 and pooled budget arrangement has been in operation since July 2010. The formal partnership agreement has recently been revised to take account of the changes following the cessation of Derbyshire PCT in March 2013, now replaced by the four Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG's):

- Southern Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group
- Erewash Clinical Commissioning Group
- North Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group
- Hardwick Clinical Commissioning Group

The formal partnership agreement and pooled budget arrangement has enabled funding allocations for complex cases to be managed in an efficient way in accordance with decisions made by the Children and Younger Adults Department's monthly Complex Needs Panel. The original agreement has continued post-cessation of the PCT from April 2013 whilst negotiations continued with the new CCGs to formalise a new arrangement.

Approval and extension of the above arrangement will ensure consistency and efficiency in the current process until September 2014. In the meantime, suitable future arrangements are currently being considered in accordance with the requirements of support and aspiration and the introduction of the new Education, Health and Care Plan for future partnership working with the CCG's in order for the new arrangements to be in place from September 2014.

Agreement in principle has now been obtained from the above CCGs for the formal agreement and pooled budget arrangement to be extended until September 2014. Formal sign up by the CCGs will be sought from their Governance Boards.

### **3. Financial Considerations**

The pooled budget is funded by contributions from Children and Younger Adults, Adult Care and the four Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Groups, and the proportions are detailed in the partnership agreement.

For the period covered by this agreement, the proposed contributions from the Authority are:

Department	2013-14	2014-15 (to 30 September 2014)	Total
Children and Younger Adults	£1,778,000	£889,000	£2,667,000
CAYA - Dedicated Schools Grant – High Needs Block	£1,508,000	£754,000	£2,262,000
Adult Care	£197,600	£98,800	£296,400

Any under-spend of the Pooled Fund will be carried forward in the Pooled Fund to the following Financial Year. Any over-spend of the Pooled Fund will be borne by the Partners in proportion to their contribution for the Financial Year in question.

The share of any unspent pooled budget funds that relates to the Authority is transferred to an earmarked reserve at the end of the financial year to be used in the following financial year.

**4. Human Resources Considerations**

The Authority will not need to employ any additional staff as a result of approval to the extension request of this partnership agreement and pooled budget arrangement.

**5. Legal Considerations**

The Framework provided pursuant to Section 75 of the National Health Service (NHS) Act 2006 means that money can be pooled between health bodies and health-related local authority services. Functions can be delegated, and resources and management structures can be integrated

Arrangements made by virtue of Section 75 do not affect the liability of CCG bodies or local authorities in relation to the exercise of any of their functions.

**6. Other Considerations**

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: Prevention of Crime & Disorder, Equality of Opportunity; and Environmental, Health, Property and Transport considerations.

**7. Key Decision**

No.

**8. Background Papers**

None.

**9. Call-in**

Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report.

No

**10. Officer Recommendation**

That Cabinet gives approval to the extension of the pooled budget arrangement, and revised formal partnership agreement with the four Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Groups up to September 2014.

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