

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET

2 December 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 and approve a further extension to the 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 CCGs**) 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, the current formal partnership agreement between the Authority and the CCGs, pursuant to Section 75 of the National Health Service (NHS) Act 2006 and pooled budget arrangement has been in operation since April 2013.

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.

Approval of a further extension until 30 September 2015 to the above arrangement will ensure consistency and efficiency in the current process. The Authority's original intention following the introduction of the new Education, Health and Care Plans was for new arrangements to be in place by September 2014 and the previous extension to the partnership

agreement to 30 September 2014 was approved by Cabinet on 17 June 2014. Initial systems and processes are now in place, however further time is needed to consider future longer term arrangements regarding joint commissioning and complex cases. Agreement to further extend the pooled budget arrangement will allow the initial systems and processes associated with the introduction of the new Education, Health and Care Plans time to embed. Evidence of completed Education, Health and Care Plans can then be considered in detail, in relation to annual reviews of this pooled budget arrangement.

Agreement in principle has been obtained from the Derbyshire CCGs for the formal agreement and pooled budget arrangement to be extended until September 2015, should revised longer term arrangements be finalised prior to September 2015 then this current arrangement will cease. In order to plan financial commitments and contributions to the pooled budget, formal annual reviews are to be planned for October each year. Formal approval 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	2014-15 1 October 2014 to 30 September 2015
Children and Younger Adults	£1,778,000
CAYA - Dedicated Schools Grant – High Needs Block	£1,508,000
Adult Care	£197,600

The total contributions to the pooled budget for this 12 month period from the CCGs will be £1,544,400 making the total combined resources available £5,028,000.

Any under-spend of the Pooled Fund will be carried forward 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. Legal and Human Rights 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.

5. 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.

6. Other Considerations

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

7. Key Decision

No.

8. Is it necessary to waive the call-in period?

No

9. Background Papers

Cabinet Report 17 June 2014.

10. Officer Recommendation

That Cabinet gives approval to the extension of the pooled budget arrangement and formal partnership agreement with the four Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Groups until 30 September 2015.

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