

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Funding Transfer from NHS England 2014-15</b>
<b>Report to be considered by:</b>	Health and Wellbeing Board
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> July 2014
<b>Forward Plan Ref:</b>	N/a

<b>Purpose of Report:</b>	To inform the Health and Wellbeing Board of how the 2014-15 funding transfer from the NHS is being used by West Berkshire Council.
<b>Recommended Action:</b>	The Health and Wellbeing Board to note the use of the 2014/15 transferred monies.
<b>Reason for decision to be taken:</b>	To allow for the planned transfer of NHS funds to the Council to be completed.
<b>Other options considered:</b>	None
<b>Key background documentation:</b>	None

The proposals contained in this report will help to achieve the following Council Strategy priority:

**CSP1 – Caring for and protecting the vulnerable**

The proposals will also help achieve the following Council Strategy principle:

**CSP5 - Putting people first**

The proposals contained in this report will help to achieve the above Council Strategy priority and principle by:

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## Implications

<b>Policy:</b>	None
<b>Financial:</b>	The NHS funding plays an essential role in enabling existing services to be maintained. Without agreement on the use of this funding a significant cut in non-statutory areas would have to be made with the resulting negative impact on all stakeholders.
<b>Personnel:</b>	None
<b>Legal/Procurement:</b>	None
<b>Property:</b>	None
<b>Risk Management:</b>	None
<b>Corporate Board's Recommendation:</b>	n/a.

Is this item relevant to equality?	Please tick relevant boxes	Yes	No
Does the policy affect service users, employees or the wider community and:			
• Is it likely to affect people with particular protected characteristics differently?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Is it a major policy, significantly affecting how functions are delivered?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Will the policy have a significant impact on how other organisations operate in terms of equality?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Does the policy relate to functions that engagement has identified as being important to people with particular protected characteristics?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Does the policy relate to an area with known inequalities?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Outcome</b> (Where one or more 'Yes' boxes are ticked, the item is relevant to equality)			
Relevant to equality - Complete an EIA available at <a href="http://www.westberks.gov.uk/eia">www.westberks.gov.uk/eia</a>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Not relevant to equality		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

# Executive Summary

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 For 2014/15 the funding transfer to West Berkshire Council by the NHS consists of two allocations. The main component is £1,878m (£1.782m in 2013/14) and an additional grant for preparing for the Better Care Fund of £417k.
- 1.2 In order to secure the release of these funds agreement needs to be reached between the Council and NHS England on how they are being used. The Health and Well Being Board has an important role as a forum for discussions between the parties.
- 1.3 The Department of Health provide guidance on the use of the funding and NHS England must not place any other conditions of the funding transfers without the written agreement of the Department.

## 2. Proposal

- 2.1 This report explains the financial background in which the Council is operating and how the total NHS funding has been used to support Adult Social Care.
- 2.2 Agreement has been reached between the NHS England Area Team and the Council and this report identifies those areas of spend which have been protected as a result of this funding.

## 3. Conclusion

- 3.1 The additional NHS funding has been most welcome and has been used to protect care services at a time when overall funding for councils has been significantly reduced under the Government's austerity plans.

## Executive Report

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### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 In 2013/14 West Berkshire Council received £1.782m of Health and Social Care Funding from the Department of Health. This was non ringfenced and, whilst not directly added to the Adult Social Care (ASC) budget, it did enable the Council to build a degree of protection into the ASC budget.
- 1.2 For 2014/15 an additional £96k has been provided, bringing the total funding to £1.878m. Whilst this additional funding was most welcome, it does have to be seen in the context of the year on year budget reductions faced by all councils. Local Authorities have been subject to significant spending cuts as part of the Comprehensive Spending Review, 28% over four years.
- 1.3 Even with this additional NHS funding, in 2014/15 the Council has less money to spend on services than it had in the previous year.
- 1.4 An additional sum of £417k will be transferred in 2014/15 to help towards the cost of preparing for the Better Care Fund in 2015/16. The only condition placed on this transfer is that a Better Care Fund Plan has to have been agreed and approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board. The plan was approved by this Board on the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

### 2. Use of Transferred Funds in 2014-15

- 2.1 The additional NHS England funding received in both 2014/15 and in the two previous financial years has been an important factor in allowing the Council to protect ASC, as far as is possible, from the full level of cuts faced by all other Council services. Over the last 4 years the Council has reduced expenditure on ASC by 6% but on all other services by 11%.
- 2.2 In order to monitor how councils are making use of the transferred funds, NHS England requires completion of the following table. These sums have been nominally allocated against each row on the basis of these are the likely areas where cuts have been avoided as a result of this funding. Using the transferred funds to support existing services is a recognised option for councils.

<b>Analysis of the adult social care funding in 2014-15 for transfer to local authorities</b>		
<b>Service Areas- 'Purchase of social care'</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Subjective code</b>
Community equipment and adaptations	80,000	52131015
Telecare	30,000	52131016
Integrated crisis and rapid response services	425,000	52131017
Maintaining eligibility criteria		52131018
Re-ablement services	425,000	52131019
Bed-based intermediate care services		52131020
Early supported hospital discharge schemes	370,000	52131021
Mental health services	74,000	52131022

Housing Projects		
Employment Support		
Learning disabilities services		
Dementia services		
Support to primary care		
Integrated assessments		
Integrated records or IT		
Joint health and care teams/working		
Other preventative services (wide range of services commissioned from the voluntary sector to provide preventative services on behalf of all client groups)	474,000	52131023
Other social care (please specify)		52131024
Other intermediate care (please specify)		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,878,000</b>	

2.3 Whilst ASC would have had no desire to make cuts in these areas it has to be recognised that, with reduced overall funding and a statutory duty to meet assessed needs of individual clients, it would be these non-statutory functions that would otherwise have had to be scaled back.

### 3. Transfer Process

3.1 The monies will only be passed over to the Council once the Section 256 agreement has been signed by both the Council and the NHS England Area Team. The agreement document is provided as Appendix 1 to this report and will be duly signed subject to the approval of this report.

### 4. Conclusion and recommendations

4.1 As with previous years, the additional funding from the NHS in 2014-15 will be used to minimise the substantial cuts to Adult Social Care that would otherwise be required. This approach will largely avoid any negative impact on service users and allow Adult Social Care to continue to invest in preventative services, maintain its crisis and rapid response services, continue to develop its 'Home Safe' service (early hospital discharge) and make positive changes to its re-ablement function

4.2 It is recommended that the Health and Well Being Board note the contents of this report and the S256 Transfer Agreement.

## Appendices

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Appendix A – S256 Transfer Agreement

## Consultees

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**Local Stakeholders:** n/a

**Officers Consulted:** Andy Walker – Head of Finance

**Trade Union:** Not applicable

