

Scottish Borders Health & Social Care
Integration Joint Board



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SOCIAL CARE FUND – DIRECTION OF FUNDING 2018

Purpose of Report:	The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the allocation of Social Care Funding to date and request the IJB direct the remaining balance to address in year and recurring demographic and capacity pressures.
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Recommendations:	The Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Note the allocation of funding to date b) Approve the direction of the remaining balance of £0.512m of Social Care funding.
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Personnel:	N/A
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Carers:	N/A
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Equalities:	There are no equalities impacts arising from the report.
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Financial:	<p>No resourcing implications beyond the financial resources identified within the report.</p> <p>The report has been reviewed by the Chief Officer and approved by NHS Borders' Director of Finance and Scottish Borders Council's Chief Financial Officer for factual accuracy. Both partner organisations' Finance functions have contributed to its development and will work closely with IJB officers in delivering its outcomes.</p>
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Legal:	Supports the delivery of the Strategic Plan and is in compliance with the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 and any consequential Regulations, Orders, Directions and Guidance.
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Risk Implications:	To be reviewed in line with agreed risk management strategy. The key risks outlined in the report form part of the draft financial risk register for the partnership.
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Background

- 2.1 The Social Care fund was allocated on a recurring basis to Health Boards in 2016/17. This ring fenced funding is delegated to the IJB to support financial pressures in Social Care and create additional capacity within Health and Social Care Partnerships to support IJB's Strategic Planning outcomes.
- 2.2 The allocation to NHS Borders totals £7.397m. A number of directions have been made to date, allocating the funding on both a recurring and non recurring basis in 2016/17 and 2017/18. This paper updates the IJB of the recurring use of the funding to date and seeks approval for the use of the remaining balance.

Allocation of Remaining Funds

- 3.1 The table below sets out the recurring allocations made from the Social Care Fund in 2016/17 and 2017/18 following IJB approval.

Social Cared Fund	£'000	£'000
Total Allocation		7,397
<u>Permanently Directed 2016/17</u>		
Living Wage to £8.25	1,626	
Demographic Demand	2,508	
Community Health Workers	50	
Charging Thresholds	154	
COSLA Care Home Uplift March 2017	261	
Living Wage to £8.45	829	
Night Support Staff sleep-ins	750	
<u>Permanently Directed 2016/17</u>		
Residual Care	407	
Housing with Care	100	
Adults with Learning Disabilities	200	
		6,885
Unallocated Balance		512

- 3.2 The impact of demographic and national wage agreement pressures has driven Social Work spend upwards sharply over the last 2 years. The Scottish Borders Council 2018/19 Financial Plan for Social Care identified a need for increased funding in Older People's services driven by demographic pressures and a requirement for additional funding within Learning / Physical Disabilities services to meet the costs of a large number of clients transitioning from Children's services. Provision was made in the Financial Plan to allocate the remaining Social Care Funding of £0.512m towards these pressures. This paper seeks approval to direct this balance to the Social Care service.

Risk

- 4.1 There is a risk that the funding allocated to address the demographic and capacity pressures is insufficient and these pressures continue to impact on the H&SCP financial position.