

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD		AGENDA ITEM No. 6(a)
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SECTION 256 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE AREA TEAM AND PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM Cathy Mitchell, Local Chief Officer, Borderline and Peterborough LCG and Jana Burton, Peterborough City Council	
1. The Board has asked to consider and comment upon the contents of this report prior to submission to the Area Team	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

- 1.1 The Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Peterborough City Council (PCC) are required to draw up a draft Section 256 and agree the outcomes that will be delivered from the funding held by the Local Area Team. The Local Area Team will release funding to PCC social services based on the evidence that the outcomes have been delivered in 2013/14.
- 1.2 this is additional money and is paid to Local Area Teams by the Department of Health to invest in adult social care services to promote better services, as detailed by the National Health Service (NHS) Transfer Directions 2013.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 2.1 The purpose is funding for adult social care support in the NHS to benefit social care services that have mutual benefits to health.
- 2.2 The attached Section 256 has been drawn up between the CCG and PCC to align with the local needs of the population across the health and social care system. The Joint Commissioning Forum has been asked to comment on the draft plan prior to it being submitted to the Area Team for their input and agreement as the budget holders who will transfer the funding to PCC. Details of the Section 256 including the metrics is attached.
- 2.3 There is a requirement for the Final Version of the Section 256 to be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board in September 2013 as part of the national governance and approvals process.

3. FUTURE PLANS

- 3.1 In the spending review the government unveiled plans to create a £3.8bn “pooled fund” between the NHS, the Department of Health, and the Department for Communities and Local Government for the Joint commissioning of health and social care. The government is currently reviewing the creation of an Integration Fund from 2015/16. The current discussions are considering top slicing the CCG’s budgets nationally to create a new pooled health and social care budget, which would equate to approximately 3% of the CCG allocation. There are discussions regarding the role and responsibility that the Health and Wellbeing Boards will undertake in the oversight and governance of the Integrated Fund.

The Joint Commissioning Forum will be updated as the national position becomes clearer and then develop plans for the future commissioning related to the Integrated Fund in 15/16.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 The Joint Commissioning Forum has endorsed the attached draft Section 256 prior to submission to Health and Wellbeing Board in September 2013. The draft agreement has been sent to the Area Team but no comments have been received to date from the Area Team.

5. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 To enable final consideration and comments to be made by the Health & Wellbeing Board prior to submission to the Local Area Team for release of funds .
- 5.2 To request the Area Team Representative on the HWB to feedback comments on the Agreement in order that the Section 256 Agreement can be signed by PCC and the Area Team.