

HALTON LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT

LIST OF POSSIBLE ENABLING MEASURES

Children & Young People

- Preventative Mini Trust – carry over a reasonable (agreed with GOL) level of unspent resources from pooled funding from one financial year to another.
- Request to report overall spend only and not spend against blocks or individual outcomes
- Freedom to extend the age range for Connexions interventions from 13-19 to 11-19
- To be released from the requirement to create new childcare places in every children's centre where need is already adequately met, and for flexibility in the models of childcare provision at different centres.
- Flexibility on CF/YPSM/TP – Pool budget and single finance and performance reporting
- Flexibility on benefits – Residence Order Allowance; Special Guardianship Allowance; Adoption Order Allowance

Health & Older People

- continued use of Supporting People funding if HBC fails to retain excellent status,
- whether to request flexibility to utilise Pathways to Work (and any other available employment / volunteering related funding) for adults of all age ranges, not excluding people over 65 years as at present
- whether to request that the Learning and Skills Council allow educational activity for 'recreation / leisure/ wellbeing' purposes, rather than restrict to educational attainment only, even if as a pilot

Employment Learning & Skills

- Incapacity Benefit - reward the Halton LSP for a reduction in IB recipients. Savings could be counted if the individual did not go through Pathways to Work, and would be 50% of the saving. This could then be that allocated to the LSP, or added onto Deprived Area Funding or somehow related to city employment strategies.
- Incapacity Benefit - Ability to provide financial incentives for IB stock who are non-Pathways to Work eligible. However, there are questions as to where this money would come from.
- Permitted Work Rules - Ability to dis-apply the earnings disregard rules in targeted areas (NB – Gill is checking if this is needed)
- Data Sharing - There is a need to give greater freedom around data sharing protocols, ie in the case of seconded JCP staff where they lose access to data, particularly around individuals . Data should be able to be shared if it stays within the JCP 'family'

Safer & Stronger communities

- The removal of the capital/revenue split on BSCF. Currently the BSCF is being used predominantly for staffing and interventions. during planning for this money the issue of capital expenditure was never raised - it isn't 'things' we need, rather capacity to do the job and interventions to make a difference.
- Paying the NTA pooled treatment money - in whichever form it comes - to the council instead of the PCT. Criminal justice money is paid to the council and having both funding streams in one place makes it easier for us to manage as council employees, and strengthens/simplifies our contracting arrangements with commissioned agencies.