

REPORT TO: Health & Wellbeing Board

DATE: 10 July 2019

REPORTING OFFICER: Director of Adult Social Services

PORTFOLIO: Children, Education and Social Care

SUBJECT: Adult Social Care Funding – Improved Better Care Fund (iBCF) Allocation 2019/20

WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To inform the Health & Wellbeing Board of the iBCF allocation for Adult Social Care in 2019/20.

2.0 **RECOMMENDATION: That the Board note the contents of the report and support the allocations outlined.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 In the 2017 Spring budget, the Chancellor announced an additional £2 billion of new funding for councils in England over three years to spend on adult social care services. This additional funding was broken down as follows:-

- £1 billion to be provided in 2017-18;
- £674m in 2018-19; and
- £337m in 2019-20.

3.2 As outlined above, it is highlighted that this is the **final** year of the iBCF allocations to Councils.

3.3 As a reminder for the Board, a small number of grant conditions have been applied, to ensure that the money is spent on adult social care services and supports improved performance at the health and social care interface; specifically the funding is to be spent on schemes in three areas, as follows:-

- meeting adult social care needs;
- reducing the pressures on the NHS, including supporting more people to be discharged from hospital when they are ready; and
- stabilising the social care provider market.

3.4 A number of pressures continue within our local system, as a direct result of reductions in available funding, including:

- Ability to manage increases in demand;
- Domiciliary Care capacity;
- Care Homes - sustainability/risks from closures/model of provision;
- Transfers of care from hospital - speed and availability of care; and
- Capacity and availability of Reablement packages.

3.5 Proposed Allocations

It should be noted that many of the schemes outlined below commenced in 2017/18 and work on them have continued throughout 2018/19 and will continue into 2019/20.

	Scheme	Funding 2018-19	Outcomes
1	Reablement First approach on discharge from hospital	£353k	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement in a person's independence and quality of life • Reduction in the number of people delayed in hospital
2	Invest in Transforming Domiciliary Care	£170k	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement in a person's independence and quality of life • Reduction in the number of people delayed in hospital
3	Improved Technology/Telecare Proactive Response i.e. Develop an innovative, preventative and proactive universal service	£132.3k	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement in a person's independence and quality of life
4	Care Homes	£177k	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of a sector led improvement model
5	Reducing Pressure on the NHS	£71.9k	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in the number of people delayed in hospital. NB. The use of this allocation would focus on reducing the pressures on the NHS, through the provision of in reach services and early support discharge. It would support more people to be discharged from hospitals when they

			were ready by the funding of additional packages of care and placements.
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4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None identified.

5.0 **OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The original allocation in 2017/18 was £2,974,314, which reduced to £1,827,114 in 2018/19 and in its final year, the iBCF allocation to halton has reduced even further to £904,208.

As the Board will be aware we have been waiting for some time for Green Paper on future sustainability of the sector, the publication of which has been delayed even further.

5.2 Due to the short term nature of this additional funding, the schemes are kept under review in respect to the outcome and outcomes and financial impact achieved.

5.3 The Council is required to complete quarterly returns to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Government in relation to the allocation of the grant.

5.4 As with 2018/19's iBCF allocation, the grant will be pooled into the Better Care Pooled Budget and once agreement has been reached at the Board, we will be in a position to confirm allocations and spend funding immediately.

6.0 **IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**
None identified.

6.2 **Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**

None identified.

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

All issues outlined in this report focus directly on this priority.

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

None identified.

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

None identified.

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 The recommendations for allocation of available funding has been considered, in light of the eight high impact changes, ADASS vision for future provision¹ and our local areas of challenge, to ensure the biggest impact and future sustainability of services.

7.2 An invest to save approach continues to be undertaken to manage the risks in relation to non- recurrent funding.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 None identified.

9.0 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

9.1 None under the meaning of the Act.

¹ Distinctive, Valued and Personal: Why Social Care Matters, March 2015
<https://www.adass.org.uk/distinctive-valued-personal-why-social-care-matters>