

Title of meeting: Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care

Subject: Adult Social Care Transformation Fund - Update

Date of meeting: 7th March 2018

Report by: Director of Adult Social Care

Wards affected: n/a

1. Requested by

- 1.1 This report was requested by Councillor Luke Stubbs, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care.

2. Purpose

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on progress with the Adult Social Care Transformation Fund.

3. Information Requested

- 3.1 Adult Social Care is an increasingly high profile area of local authority business. There is acknowledgement at national level that social care is under increasing pressure, for a variety of reasons, including increasing demand; and that the quality of the social care system is critical to ensuring the health services remain viable in the medium to long term.
- 3.2 At a local level, issues including demographic pressures and responding to changes in legislation (including the introduction of the Care Act 2014) have placed significant pressures on the budget available to fund adult social care services. In July 2017, the cumulative effect of these pressures, was described in a report to Cabinet that also set out the specific local context:
- An underlying budget deficit of £1.2m per annum (after precept funding of £2m and assuming agreed savings of £1.4m from 2017/18 are achieved) was identified.
 - The future savings requirement in the next two years was estimated at £1.3m to be achieved (it should be noted that the Adult Social Care portfolio has consistently been protected from savings requirements in relative terms over many years).

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- There was a projected demographic pressure beyond 2017-18 of £0.4m in the next two years.
- 3.3 However, opportunities were also identified in the report, as between 2017/18 and 2019/20 it was noted that additional funding would be available and some "one-off" savings had been identified as described below:
- Grant for Adult Social Care as announced in the Spring budget 2017 of £7m, on a reducing basis over the next 3 years and reducing to zero by 2020/21
 - The Social Care precept may generate an estimated additional £2.1m in 2018/19 and 2019/20 and will be on-going.
 - There are a number of "one-off" savings amounting to £0.7m identified in 2017/18.
- 3.4 The report noted that the identified demographic pressures of £0.8m and other, as yet unidentified but likely cost pressures could be funded from the Adult Social Care precept of £2.1m. This left "one-off" funding of £8.5m to be used to invest in the transformational change of adult social care services in Portsmouth, required in order to deliver the ongoing remaining savings requirement (i.e. after funding all likely demographic and other cost pressures), and to prepare the service to be able to make further savings beyond 2019/20 as the austerity period continues.
- 3.5 Authority to allocate funds to schemes in support of these objectives was delegated to the Director of Adult Social Care and s151 officer, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care.
- 3.6 Of the original £8.5m available for transforming adult social care, £4.52m has been committed, with an expectation that this one-off investment will deliver savings of £3.6m over the three-year period to 2019/20, with significant on-going savings generated beyond 2020. Schemes that have been supported so far include:
- Investment in rolling out assistive technology and development of a comprehensive approach to technology (£195,000)
 - Development of Project Bridge, a scheme to work with the voluntary sector to consider alternative ways of funding care services, with an initial focus on sitting services (£150,000)
 - Increase in commissioning, contract and quality capacity and capacity to develop and monitor schemes (£400,000)
 - Extra staff for Shearwater to address concerns raised by CQC (£30,000)
 - External support to review and recommend changes in the portfolio and address issues raised by CQC (£50,000)
 - Investment in a Housing and Support Strategy, to promote independence through the transformation of housing and support for clients with learning difficulties (£570,000)
 - Development of transition beds at Edinburgh House, reshaping capacity to improve reablement pathways and support timely discharge from hospital for medically fit patients (£165,000)
 - Proposal to purchase Oakdene, to develop adult mental health nursing and supported living schemes (£960,000)

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- Developing new models of care to effectively and safely manage people's health and care needs in the community, including the development of a care response team (£2,000,000).

3.7 Future Schemes currently in the pipeline include:

- Magic Table: Projector for LD clients (approved in principal - pending final decision at Board)
- Sitting Service: The next stage of the redesign of the service.
- Autism Service: Development of the service.

3.8 These ambitious schemes are expected to provide a return to the wider health and care economy in the city, as well as create savings and avoid future costs for PCC.

Signed by (Director)

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 - Table of approved projects

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location

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Appendix 1: Table of approved Projects

Project	Description	£ (rounded to nearest £10k)
Assistive Technology	Investment in rolling out assistive technology and development of a comprehensive approach to technology; with a focus on the impact of installing items to promote home accessibility and safety, a rapid response to support assessments in relation to care technology and a campaign to promote availability to increase rate of preventative take-up.	£160,000
Just Checking	Investment in a pilot scheme, testing the effectiveness of online monitoring systems', (such as motion sensors, monitors and personal alarms) which enable people to live independently at home and provide appropriate response and reassurance.	£35,000
Project Bridge	Work with the voluntary sector to consider alternative ways of funding care services, with an initial focus on sitting services. The aim is to work collaboratively to make a material difference to outcomes for services users in areas such as isolation and loneliness.	£150,000
Commissioning Officers, Fund & Project Support	Support the management of the Fund, project tracking and development of a quality focus for supplier deliverables: Finance & Administrative support: £90k Commissioning support: £70k Project support: £60k Quality improvement support: £180k	£400,000
Shearwater Staffing	Extra staff for Shearwater to address concerns raised by CQC.	£30,000
External Support	External support to review and recommend changes in the in-house portfolio, focusing on and addressing issues raised by CQC.	£50,000
Housing Support Strategy	Investment in a Housing and Support Strategy, to promote independence through the transformation of housing and support for clients with learning difficulties. The aim to promote a culture of independence and support people to be part of their Community. This development will include reassessing client needs, development of new units and provision of a better quality of service.	£570,000

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Edinburgh Staffing	Additional staffing at Edinburgh House to support timely discharge from hospital for medically fit patients.	£165,000
Oakdene	Proposal to purchase Oakdene, to develop adult mental health nursing and supported living schemes. The aim is to bring the accommodation into the new 'pathway' of services available for Adults with mental health problems. There would be a mix of accommodation provided with a range of services attached to support a range of client needs.	£960,000
New Models of Care	Developing new models of care to effectively and safely manage people's health and care needs in the community, including the development of a care response team. This supports the next stage of integration of Health and Care services in Portsmouth in line with the Health and Care Portsmouth Blueprint, Care Act requirements and Portsmouth's Better Care Plan. The aim is to maximise opportunities for reablement, provide co-ordinated health and care response to effectively and safely manage people's health & social care needs in the community, support people to stay in their own home and maintain their independence for as long as possible.	£2,000,000
		£4,520,000