



LOCAL AUTHORITY SOCIAL SERVICES LETTER

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To: The Director of Adults' Social Services

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London Borough Councils
Common Council of the City of London
Council of the Isles of Scilly

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**ADULT PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES: SPECIFIC REVENUE FUNDING
& GRANT ALLOCATIONS FOR 2016/17**

SUMMARY

1. This letter clarifies local authority specific revenue funding for the financial year 2016/17, which was subject to the 2015 Spending Review. It provides information on funding for the second year of Care Act implementation, which comes from a range of sources in 2016/17, as well as details of some elements of the Better Care Fund.

ACTION

2. This letter is provided for information only, and confirms details and allocations of Department of Health local authority specific revenue funding.

SPECIFIC REVENUE FUNDING

Local Reform and Community Voices grant

3. The Department of Health will make £32.8 million available through the Local Reform and Community Voices section 31 grant in 2016/17. A breakdown of the grant is shown in **Annex A**. Allocations are presented in **Annex B**. In 2016/17 this grant is comprised of the following funding streams (social care in prisons is discussed separately below):
 - funding for Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DOLS) in Hospitals;
 - local Healthwatch funding, and;
 - funding for Independent NHS Complaints Advocacy Services (ICAS).

4. Local authorities have a duty under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (as amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012) to ensure that an effective local Healthwatch is operating in their area, delivering the activities set out in the legislation. The Local Reform and Community Voices grant provides one element of the non-ring fenced funding provided for local Healthwatch, with the larger proportion having been rolled in to the local government settlement in 2011/12.

Social Care in Prisons grant

5. The Department of Health will make £10.45 million available through the Social Care in Prisons grant in 2016/17 (this makes up part of the Care Act funding covered in further detail below). Further grant details in **Annex A**. Allocations are presented in **Annex B**.
6. The Act establishes that the local authority in which a prison, approved premises or bail accommodation is based will be responsible for assessing and meeting the care and support needs of the offenders residing there.
7. The provision of care and support for those in custodial settings is based on the principle of equivalence to provision in the community. The Act clarifies the application of Part 1 for people in custodial settings, including aspects which do not apply.

Care Act Funding

8. Local authorities will receive £433 million for new burdens arising from the Care Act in 2016/17. This funding will be paid out as follows:
 - a. Department of Health section 31 grant for social care in prisons (details above).
 - b. Visible lines of funding in core spending power paid out by the Department of Communities and Local Government¹:
 - i. Care Act: Funding Reform (including Deferred Payments) £121.1 million;
 - ii. Care Act: Carers etc £186.6 million. Funding for other duties introduced by the Care Act 2014, including carer assessment and support, access to advocacy support, adult safeguarding, and ensuring continuity of care for people moving area.
 - c. Funding in the Better Care Fund of £114.6 million specifically for support of carers under the Care Act (details below).

¹ See *Core spending power: visible lines of funding* here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/final-local-government-finance-settlement-england-2016-to-2017>

BETTER CARE FUND

Revenue funding

9. £138 million of revenue funding within the Better Care Fund is linked to a range of duties for local authorities in 2016/17. This should provide for duties included in the Care Act that commenced in 2015/16, focussing on support for carers (see below). The funding also includes provision for Independent Mental Health Advocacy and the disregard for Guaranteed Income Payments for veterans, and money to offset financial pressures on the care and support system that may be created by changes to the pensions and benefit systems.

Support for Carers

10. £114.6 million of this funding will be for carer support under the Care Act 2014, as carer support is an important area of joint responsibility where integrated approaches can be beneficial. In addition to the duties on local authorities in the Care Act, *The Government's mandate to NHS England for 2016-17* states that, "carers should routinely be identified and given access to information and advice about the support available" (para 2.4).
11. Funding for other duties under the Care Act (e.g. advocacy, safeguarding) should be considered as included within core funding paid out by DCLG, as set out above.

Independent Mental Health Advocacy (IMHA)

12. From 2013/14 to 2014/15, the Local Reform and Community Voices grant contained funding for the transfer to local authorities of responsibility for commissioning Independent Mental Health Advocacy services. In 2015/16 this funding stream was moved into the Better Care Fund.
13. Local authorities continue to have a duty under the Mental Health Act 1983 (as amended by the Mental Health Act 2007 and the Health and Social Care Act 2012) to make arrangements to enable every qualifying patient who wants one to have access to an IMHA. Qualifying patients include patients detained under provisions (other than emergency provisions) of the Mental Health Act 1983, all patients on Community Treatment Orders and all patients subject to guardianship under the Mental Health Act 1983.

Update to 2015/16 funding

14. The Government decided last year to delay implementation of the cap on care costs system from April 2016 to April 2020. This was confirmed in a letter published on 17th July 2015.
15. The funding originally allocated for implementation and early assessments for the cap on care costs in 2015/16 will remain with local authorities.

ENQUIRIES

16. For further information on these allocations please contact:

The social care finance team (SCFinance-Enquiries@dh.gsi.gov.uk)

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LASSL ANNEX A: SPECIFIC GRANT RESOURCES ALLOCATED BY DH

| Total national allocations, 2016/17 | £ million |
|---|------------------|
| Revenue: Local Reform and Community Voices grant | 32.83 |
| Of which: | |
| Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards in Hospitals* | 4.92 |
| Local Healthwatch* | 13.50 |
| Independent NHS Complaints Advocacy Service | 14.41 |
| Revenue: Social Care in Prisons** | 10.45 |
| | |
| Total local authority revenue grant resources | 43.28 |

To note, all values uplifted by 1.5% in 2016/17 in line with GDP growth².

*In addition to the funding outlined here, these services are also supported through the Local Government Finance Settlement.

** 2016/17 funding level as per the Care Act 2014 Impact Assessment (<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/23/impacts>).

² <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/gdp-deflators-at-market-prices-and-money-gdp>

LASSL ANNEX B: Table of allocations for LASSL March 2016-17

The **Local Reform and Community Voices grant** is allocated using the Relative Needs Formula (with one de minimis element), and is comprised of the following policy lines:

- additional funding for Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DOLS) in Hospitals (£4.92m);
- additional local Healthwatch funding (£13.50m). The allocations for this have a minimum amount of £10,000 per local authority; and
- Funding for Independent Complaints Advisory Services (£14.41m).

The allocations of the **Social Care in Prisons grant** is as set out in the '*Response to the consultation on funding formulae for implementation of the Care Act in 2015/16: Allocations for early assessments against the cap on care costs, universal deferred payment agreements, social care in prisons and additional funding for Care Act implementation, including carers rights*'.

Available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/care-act-2014-funding-allocations-for-new-adult-social-care-duties> . The prisons allocations for 2016/17 reflect prison populations at 30th June 2015 and first receptions for the year Q3 2014 to Q2 2015, and are adjusted for certain planned closures.

| Local Authority name | Social Care in Prisons 2016-17 Revenue (£10.45m) | Local Reform and Community Voices Grant 2016-17 Revenue (£32.83m) | Total (£43.28m) |
|------------------------------|--|---|-----------------|
| Barking and Dagenham | £0 | £124,828 | £124,828 |
| Barnet | £0 | £197,890 | £197,890 |
| Barnsley | £0 | £169,305 | £169,305 |
| Bath and North East Somerset | £0 | £99,767 | £99,767 |
| Bedford | £75,594 | £84,874 | £160,468 |
| Bexley | £0 | £126,921 | £126,921 |
| Birmingham | £200,806 | £765,632 | £966,438 |
| Blackburn with Darwen | £0 | £104,506 | £104,506 |
| Blackpool | £0 | £123,546 | £123,546 |
| Bolton | £0 | £190,045 | £190,045 |
| Bournemouth | £0 | £120,842 | £120,842 |
| Bracknell Forest | £0 | £49,468 | £49,468 |
| Bradford | £0 | £314,058 | £314,058 |
| Brent | £0 | £183,610 | £183,610 |
| Brighton and Hove | £0 | £167,974 | £167,974 |
| Bristol, City of | £93,887 | £277,303 | £371,190 |

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|-----------------------------|---|--|------------------------|
| Bromley | £0 | £162,750 | £162,750 |
| Buckinghamshire | £75,968 | £228,491 | £304,459 |
| Bury | £0 | £111,656 | £111,656 |
| Calderdale | £0 | £125,860 | £125,860 |
| Cambridgeshire | £317,549 | £317,728 | £635,277 |
| Camden | £0 | £175,780 | £175,780 |
| Central Bedfordshire | £0 | £118,389 | £118,389 |
| Cheshire East | £72,528 | £198,321 | £270,849 |
| Cheshire West and Chester | £0 | £200,587 | £200,587 |
| City of London | £0 | £13,929 | £13,929 |
| Cornwall | £0 | £381,891 | £381,891 |
| County Durham | £358,011 | £385,855 | £743,866 |
| Coventry | £0 | £212,050 | £212,050 |
| Croydon | £0 | £191,581 | £191,581 |
| Cumbria | £47,775 | £342,769 | £390,544 |
| Darlington | £0 | £68,516 | £68,516 |
| Derby | £0 | £157,024 | £157,024 |
| Derbyshire | £83,606 | £495,899 | £579,505 |
| Devon | £303,454 | £488,821 | £792,275 |
| Doncaster | £343,077 | £206,421 | £549,498 |
| Dorset | £67,069 | £264,565 | £331,634 |
| Dudley | £0 | £213,493 | £213,493 |
| Ealing | £0 | £193,799 | £193,799 |
| East Riding of Yorkshire | £161,133 | £197,682 | £358,815 |
| East Sussex | £97,638 | £353,492 | £451,130 |
| Enfield | £0 | £177,540 | £177,540 |
| Essex | £101,676 | £809,270 | £910,946 |
| Gateshead | £0 | £154,934 | £154,934 |
| Gloucestershire | £0 | £345,881 | £345,881 |
| Greenwich | £325,816 | £181,866 | £507,682 |
| Hackney | £0 | £192,083 | £192,083 |

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|-----------------------------|---|--|------------------------|
| Halton | £0 | £87,378 | £87,378 |
| Hammersmith and Fulham | £203,698 | £125,554 | £329,252 |
| Hampshire | £112,562 | £650,000 | £762,562 |
| Haringey | £0 | £156,974 | £156,974 |
| Harrow | £0 | £132,587 | £132,587 |
| Hartlepool | £0 | £68,510 | £68,510 |
| Havering | £0 | £137,489 | £137,489 |
| Herefordshire, County of | £0 | £120,391 | £120,391 |
| Hertfordshire | £98,486 | £565,227 | £663,713 |
| Hillingdon | £0 | £142,333 | £142,333 |
| Hounslow | £11,043 | £136,622 | £147,665 |
| Isle of Wight | £291,392 | £104,778 | £396,170 |
| Isles of Scilly | £0 | £11,020 | £11,020 |
| Islington | £229,602 | £175,798 | £405,400 |
| Kensington and Chelsea | £0 | £118,502 | £118,502 |
| Kent | £417,520 | £842,757 | £1,260,277 |
| Kingston upon Hull, City of | £166,956 | £198,635 | £365,591 |
| Kingston upon Thames | £0 | £78,361 | £78,361 |
| Kirklees | £0 | £254,270 | £254,270 |
| Knowsley | £0 | £133,576 | £133,576 |
| Lambeth | £69,165 | £206,289 | £275,454 |
| Lancashire | £470,986 | £754,402 | £1,225,388 |
| Leeds | £208,109 | £452,619 | £660,728 |
| Leicester | £45,044 | £215,151 | £260,195 |
| Leicestershire | £125,387 | £330,058 | £455,445 |
| Lewisham | £0 | £187,007 | £187,007 |
| Lincolnshire | £130,489 | £460,442 | £590,931 |
| Liverpool | £325,103 | £404,275 | £729,378 |
| Luton | £0 | £107,747 | £107,747 |
| Manchester | £157,967 | £364,483 | £522,450 |
| Medway | £53,229 | £136,422 | £189,651 |

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| Merton | £0 | £102,249 | £102,249 |
| Middlesbrough | £0 | £103,620 | £103,620 |
| Milton Keynes | £100,560 | £124,147 | £224,707 |
| Newcastle upon Tyne | £0 | £205,182 | £205,182 |
| Newham | £0 | £200,750 | £200,750 |
| Norfolk | £361,265 | £571,279 | £932,544 |
| North East Lincolnshire | £0 | £106,596 | £106,596 |
| North Lincolnshire | £0 | £104,028 | £104,028 |
| North Somerset | £0 | £126,315 | £126,315 |
| North Tyneside | £0 | £140,962 | £140,962 |
| North Yorkshire | £0 | £331,337 | £331,337 |
| Northamptonshire | £205,157 | £371,464 | £576,621 |
| Northumberland | £129,696 | £208,003 | £337,699 |
| Nottingham | £170,640 | £211,909 | £382,549 |
| Nottinghamshire | £322,133 | £482,196 | £804,329 |
| Oldham | £0 | £153,440 | £153,440 |
| Oxfordshire | £191,828 | £313,285 | £505,113 |
| Peterborough | £148,256 | £108,504 | £256,760 |
| Plymouth | £0 | £175,554 | £175,554 |
| Poole | £0 | £87,161 | £87,161 |
| Portsmouth | £0 | £121,732 | £121,732 |
| Reading | £0 | £77,859 | £77,859 |
| Redbridge | £0 | £152,568 | £152,568 |
| Redcar and Cleveland | £0 | £98,465 | £98,465 |
| Richmond upon Thames | £0 | £90,345 | £90,345 |
| Rochdale | £32,355 | £151,527 | £183,882 |
| Rotherham | £0 | £183,917 | £183,917 |
| Rutland | £54,128 | £20,931 | £75,059 |
| Salford | £164,587 | £180,142 | £344,729 |
| Sandwell | £0 | £252,635 | £252,635 |
| Sefton | £23,784 | £208,472 | £232,256 |

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| Sheffield | £0 | £369,844 | £369,844 |
| Shropshire | £40,728 | £190,553 | £231,281 |
| Slough | £0 | £70,470 | £70,470 |
| Solihull | £0 | £118,989 | £118,989 |
| Somerset | £0 | £341,449 | £341,449 |
| South Gloucestershire | £272,870 | £127,833 | £400,703 |
| South Tyneside | £0 | £125,128 | £125,128 |
| Southampton | £0 | £151,666 | £151,666 |
| Southend-on-Sea | £0 | £112,651 | £112,651 |
| Southwark | £0 | £214,727 | £214,727 |
| St. Helens | £0 | £131,635 | £131,635 |
| Staffordshire | £558,997 | £484,231 | £1,043,228 |
| Stockport | £0 | £175,432 | £175,432 |
| Stockton-on-Tees | £147,054 | £115,555 | £262,609 |
| Stoke-on-Trent | £0 | £182,087 | £182,087 |
| Suffolk | £195,107 | £445,875 | £640,982 |
| Sunderland | £0 | £214,335 | £214,335 |
| Surrey | £417,905 | £546,118 | £964,023 |
| Sutton | £0 | £100,796 | £100,796 |
| Swindon | £0 | £105,167 | £105,167 |
| Tameside | £0 | £157,772 | £157,772 |
| Telford and Wrekin | £0 | £105,856 | £105,856 |
| Thurrock | £0 | £89,438 | £89,438 |
| Torbay | £0 | £113,277 | £113,277 |
| Tower Hamlets | £0 | £200,280 | £200,280 |
| Trafford | £0 | £129,290 | £129,290 |
| Wakefield | £245,922 | £225,422 | £471,344 |
| Walsall | £0 | £195,748 | £195,748 |
| Waltham Forest | £0 | £148,838 | £148,838 |
| Wandsworth | £282,722 | £177,379 | £460,101 |
| Warrington | £127,483 | £112,616 | £240,099 |

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| Warwickshire | £0 | £305,496 | £305,496 |
| West Berkshire | £0 | £68,479 | £68,479 |
| West Sussex | £70,379 | £451,625 | £522,004 |
| Westminster | £0 | £180,893 | £180,893 |
| Wigan | £21,463 | £217,678 | £239,141 |
| Wiltshire | £57,834 | £249,237 | £307,071 |
| Windsor and Maidenhead | £0 | £65,137 | £65,137 |
| Wirral | £0 | £246,134 | £246,134 |
| Wokingham | £0 | £54,903 | £54,903 |
| Wolverhampton | £0 | £188,182 | £188,182 |
| Worcestershire | £250,217 | £326,009 | £576,226 |
| York | £14,605 | £100,047 | £114,652 |
| TOTAL | £10,450,000 | £32,830,000 | £43,280,000 |