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Report Title: Allocation of the Transforming Social Care Reform Grant 2008-2011

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Purpose:

The report provides the Scrutiny Committee with information relating to the allocation of the Transforming Social Care Reform Grant 2008-2011.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Scrutiny Committee considers and comments on the report.

Background Doc(s):

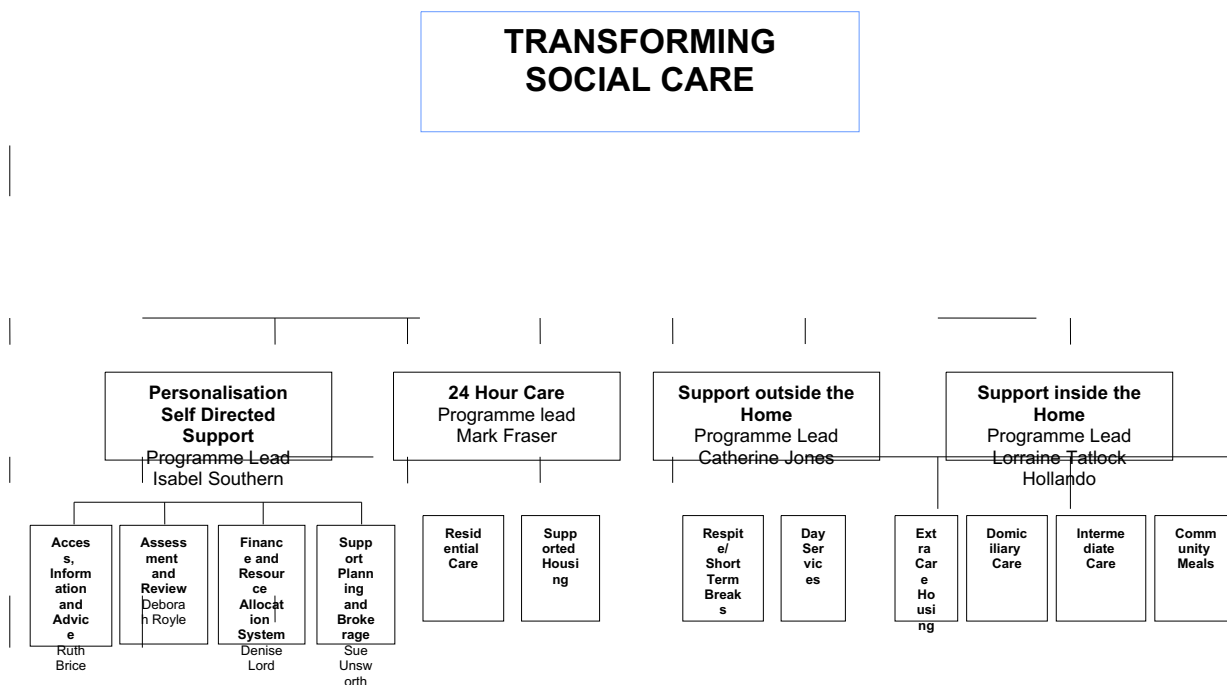
Department of Health Local Authority Circular March 2009 : LAC (DH) (2009) 1

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

This report sets out the allocation of the Transforming Social Care Reform Grant 2008 -2011

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Putting People First / Transforming Social Care (TSC) is the major programme of change for adult social care. Within Bolton four major programmes have been identified to deliver transformation over the next two years, supported by the Social Care reform grant, whilst also achieving value-for-money efficiency savings. The structure below contains the detail:



- 1.2 The Department of Health (DH) has allocated monies through the ring-fenced Social Care Reform Grant to support Councils in making the necessary changes to deliver the transformation of adult social care.

- 1.3 The monies are available over the three financial years 2008/09 to 2010/11. Bolton's allocation is: 2008/09 £482k; 2009/10 £1,130k and 2010/11 £1,393k, i.e a total of £3,005k over the three year period.

2.0 THE SOCIAL CARE REFORM GRANT

- 2.1 In Local Authority Circular LAC (DH) (2009) 1 (March 2009) the DH set out the purpose of the grant, namely to fund the range of process reengineering, capability and capacity building activities required to redesign the entire adult social care system.

- 2.2 The type of activities the DH expect to be funded from the grant include work to:

- Change the social care system away from the often complex, bureaucratic traditional service provision towards a more straightforward, flexible approach, promoting independence and choice for people;
- Create a strategic shift in resources from intervention at the point of crisis towards prevention and early intervention;
- Ensure that people and organisations are much more involved in the design, commissioning and evaluation of service and how their needs are met;
- Remodel systems and processes to enable people to identify cost effective, personalised solutions for their care needs through wider community networks and innovation;
- Raise the skills of the workforce to deliver the new system;
- Develop leadership at all levels of local government and communities to enable the change to happen.

2.3 In practice this means that by 2011 Councils are expected to have made significant steps towards redesigning and reshaping their adult social care systems, with the following core components in place:

- An integrated approach to working with the NHS and wider local government partners in order to shift resources from crisis intervention to prevention and early intervention;
- Universal, joined-up information and advice available for all individuals and carers, including those who self-fund, which enables people to access information from all strategic partners;
- Greater emphasis on assisted self-assessment / co-assessment, enabling social workers to spend more time on support, brokerage and advocacy;
- For people eligible to receive council-funded support, person centred planning and self-directed support, involving a personal budget system which gives maximum choice and control over how best to meet their needs;
- An effective and established mechanism to enable people to make supported decisions based on appropriate safeguarding arrangements;
- A market development and stimulation strategy;
- A local care workforce with the capacity and capability to deliver choice and support individual control.

3.0 ALLOCATION OF THE GRANT

3.1 Bolton's grant of £3,005k has been allocated to date as follows:

	2008/09 ACTUAL	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	TOTAL	COMMENTS

Direct Payments / Personal Budgets	300	309	315	0	924	
Staffing	50	440	618	180	1,288	Some fixed term posts to roll forward into early 2011/12
Training, IT etc	17	10	10	10	47	
Marketing / information	0	20	20	10	50	
TOTAL	367	779	963	200	2,309	
GRANT ALLOCATION	482	1,130	1,393	0	3,005	
UNALLOCATED					696	

3.2 The £924k allocated for Direct Payments and Personal Budgets is to supplement the existing mainstream budgets to support the increased take-up of self-directed support arrangements for individuals with social care needs in the transition period leading up to the availability of personal budgets for all social care users

3.3 The £1,288k staffing commitment mainly covers fixed-term contracts for posts approved by the Executive Members for Adults and Human Resources in July 2008 and September 2009. The posts include a project manager (for both the development of the resource allocation system, RAS, to establish personal budgets and also around the review of care management), 2 service redesign leads, 2 business analysts, a finance post to support the development of the RAS, a commissioning post, a community researcher and a policy officer, together with some additional administrative support staff. It is also envisaged that additional project manager posts may be needed to support the individual transformation programme lead officers.

3.4 The £50k set aside for marketing will be spent on consultation and involvement of the public, service users and others on the development of the personalisation programme.

3.5 The unallocated amount of just under £700k is currently held as a contingency against additional commitments as the Transforming Programme develops, such as the pilots for a brokerage service, the development of user led organisations, supporting service providers to prepare for personalisation etc.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

4.1 It is recommended that the Scrutiny Committee considers and comments on the report.