



# Department of Health

## LOCAL AUTHORITY SOCIAL SERVICES LETTER

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To: The Director of Adults' Social Services

County Councils )  
Metropolitan District Councils ) England  
Shire Unitary Councils )  
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 2017/18

### SUMMARY

1. This letter clarifies local authority specific revenue funding for the financial year 2017/18, which was subject to the 2015 Spending Review. This includes information on the new War Pensions Disregard Grant, as well as the Local Reform and Community Voices grant and the Social Care in Prisons grant. It also provides information on funding for the third year of Care Act implementation, which comes from a range of sources in 2017/18, 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 £33.31 million available through the Local Reform and Community Voices section 31 grant in 2017/18. A breakdown of the grant is shown in **Annex A**. Allocations are presented in **Annex B**. In 2017/18 this grant is comprised of the following funding streams:
  - 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 into the local government settlement in 2011/12.

### **Social Care in Prisons grant**

5. The Department of Health will make £10.6 million available through the Social Care in Prisons section 31 grant in 2017/18 (this makes up part of the Care Act funding covered in further detail below). Further grant details are 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.

### **War Pensions Scheme Disregard grant**

8. The Department of Health consulted in November 2016 about the allocation of £14m new funding to disregard (for the purposes of social care charging) all payments made under the War Pension Scheme with the exception of Constant Attendance Allowance.
9. The consultation response was published in February 2017 and the table of final allocations is reproduced in **Annex B**. The War Pensions Scheme Disregard grant will be paid as a Department of Health section 31 grant.

### **Care Act Funding**

10. Local authorities will receive £505.15 million for new burdens arising from the Care Act in 2017/18. 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 Government<sup>1</sup>:
  - i. Care Act: Funding Reform (including Deferred Payments) £132.13 million;
  - ii. Care Act: Carers etc £236.12 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 £126.3 million for support of carers under the Care Act (details below).

## BETTER CARE FUND

### Revenue funding

- 11. £149.4 million of revenue funding within the Better Care Fund is linked to a range of duties for local authorities in 2017/18. 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

- 12. £126.3 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 2017-18* states that, "carers should routinely be identified and given access to information and advice about the support available" (para 2.4).
- 13. 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.

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<sup>1</sup> See *Core spending power: visible lines of funding* here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/core-spending-power-final-local-government-finance-settlement-2017-to-2018>

## **Independent Mental Health Advocacy (IMHA)**

14. 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.
15. 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.

## **ENQUIRIES**

16. For further information on these allocations please contact:

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## LASSL ANNEX A: SPECIFIC GRANT RESOURCES ALLOCATED BY DH IN 2017/18

<b>Total national allocations, 2017/18</b>	<b>£ million</b>
<b>Revenue: Local Reform and Community Voices grant</b>	<b>33.31</b>
Of which:	
Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards in Hospitals*	4.99
Local Healthwatch*	13.70
Independent NHS Complaints Advocacy Service	14.62
<b>Revenue: Social Care in Prisons**</b>	<b>10.60</b>
<b>Revenue: War Pensions Scheme Disregard grant</b>	<b>14.00</b>
<b>Total local authority revenue grant resources</b>	<b>57.91</b>

To note, all values apart from the War Pensions Scheme Disregard grant (which is new for 2017/18) have been uplifted by approximately 1.452% in 2017/18 in line with GDP growth<sup>2</sup>.

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

\*\* 2017/18 funding level as per the Care Act 2014 Impact Assessment (<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/23/impacts>).

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/gdp-deflators-at-market-prices-and-money-gdp> , version 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2016

## LASSL ANNEX B: TABLE OF ALLOCATIONS IN 2017/18

The **Local Reform and Community Voices grant** is allocated using the Relative Needs Formula and is comprised of the following policy lines, one of which has a minimum amount per local authority:

- additional funding for Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DOLS) in Hospitals (£4.99m);
- additional local Healthwatch funding (£13.70m). The allocations for this have a minimum amount of £10,000 per local authority; and
- Funding for Independent Complaints Advisory Services (£14.62m).

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 2017/18 reflect prison populations at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016 and first receptions for the year Q2 2015 to Q1 2016 inclusive, and are adjusted for certain planned reconfigurations.

The allocations of the **War Pensions Scheme Disregard grant** are as set out in the *'Response to the consultation on allocating 2017-18 funding to disregard war pensions in social care financial assessments'*. Available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/war-pensions-in-social-care-financial-assessments> .

Local Authority name	Local Reform and Community Voices 2017-18	Social Care in Prisons 2017-18	War Pensions Scheme Disregard 2017-18	Total
Barking and Dagenham	£126,654	£0	£12,300	£138,954
Barnet	£200,786	£0	£16,976	£217,762
Barnsley	£171,782	£0	£99,447	£271,229
Bath and North East Somerset	£101,227	£0	£29,034	£130,261
Bedford	£86,115	£78,246	£21,264	£185,625
Bexley	£128,777	£0	£22,745	£151,522
Birmingham	£776,836	£203,893	£117,387	£1,098,116
Blackburn with Darwen	£106,035	£0	£33,613	£139,648

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Blackpool	£125,353	£0	£103,849	£229,202
Bolton	£192,826	£0	£61,458	£254,284
Bournemouth	£122,611	£0	£61,541	£184,152
Bracknell Forest	£50,192	£0	£16,284	£66,476
Bradford	£318,654	£0	£75,115	£393,769
Brent	£186,297	£0	£5,005	£191,302
Brighton and Hove	£170,432	£0	£32,563	£202,995
Bristol, City of	£281,361	£104,311	£56,227	£441,899
Bromley	£165,133	£0	£29,246	£194,379
Buckinghamshire	£231,834	£83,279	£60,929	£376,042
Bury	£113,289	£0	£35,386	£148,675
Calderdale	£127,702	£0	£34,565	£162,267
Cambridgeshire	£322,378	£318,657	£129,647	£770,682
Camden	£178,352	£0	£12,258	£190,610
Central Bedfordshire	£120,122	£0	£30,148	£150,270
Cheshire East	£201,223	£76,741	£64,093	£342,057
Cheshire West and Chester	£203,523	£0	£106,794	£310,317
City of London	£13,986	£0	£749	£14,735
Cornwall	£387,480	£0	£372,881	£760,361
County Durham	£391,502	£376,686	£297,046	£1,065,234
Coventry	£215,154	£0	£46,343	£261,497
Croydon	£194,385	£0	£23,472	£217,857
Cumbria	£347,786	£17,909	£177,511	£543,206
Darlington	£69,519	£0	£61,894	£131,413
Derby	£159,322	£0	£51,684	£211,006
Derbyshire	£503,156	£100,355	£185,836	£789,347
Devon	£495,974	£309,041	£472,618	£1,277,633
Doncaster	£209,441	£343,060	£144,282	£696,783
Dorset	£268,437	£72,372	£253,980	£594,789
Dudley	£216,618	£0	£37,648	£254,266

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Ealing	£196,637	£0	£11,719	£208,356
East Riding of Yorkshire	£200,576	£164,350	£133,627	£498,553
East Sussex	£358,664	£105,392	£148,663	£612,719
Enfield	£180,139	£0	£14,192	£194,331
Essex	£821,114	£100,409	£248,746	£1,170,269
Gateshead	£157,202	£0	£113,032	£270,234
Gloucestershire	£350,943	£0	£180,252	£531,195
Greenwich	£184,528	£338,956	£25,388	£548,872
Hackney	£194,892	£0	£8,356	£203,248
Halton	£88,657	£0	£68,723	£157,380
Hammersmith and Fulham	£127,392	£203,034	£16,257	£346,683
Hampshire	£659,513	£118,769	£539,468	£1,317,750
Haringey	£159,271	£0	£7,325	£166,596
Harrow	£134,528	£0	£8,486	£143,014
Hartlepool	£69,513	£0	£59,629	£129,142
Havering	£139,502	£0	£21,161	£160,663
Herefordshire, County of	£122,153	£0	£103,473	£225,626
Hertfordshire	£573,499	£95,452	£109,036	£777,987
Hillingdon	£144,416	£0	£19,822	£164,238
Hounslow	£138,623	£11,990	£11,256	£161,869
Isle of Wight	£106,312	£277,769	£69,739	£453,820
Isles of Scilly	£11,034	£0	£1,216	£12,250
Islington	£178,370	£212,282	£9,634	£400,286
Kensington and Chelsea	£120,237	£0	£22,617	£142,854
Kent	£855,091	£440,064	£372,882	£1,668,037
Kingston upon Hull, City of	£201,542	£177,083	£94,548	£473,173
Kingston upon Thames	£79,507	£0	£10,159	£89,666
Kirklees	£257,991	£0	£70,989	£328,980
Knowsley	£135,531	£0	£112,452	£247,983
Lambeth	£209,307	£74,361	£15,742	£299,410



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Lancashire	£765,442	£488,316	£414,779	£1,668,537
Leeds	£459,244	£207,590	£108,158	£774,992
Leicester	£218,299	£40,581	£35,330	£294,210
Leicestershire	£334,889	£117,527	£109,722	£562,138
Lewisham	£189,744	£0	£16,352	£206,096
Lincolnshire	£467,180	£140,686	£406,510	£1,014,376
Liverpool	£410,190	£323,290	£297,519	£1,030,999
Luton	£109,323	£0	£15,638	£124,961
Manchester	£369,818	£155,678	£61,094	£586,590
Medway	£138,418	£55,880	£60,953	£255,251
Merton	£103,745	£0	£15,801	£119,546
Middlesbrough	£105,136	£0	£60,407	£165,543
Milton Keynes	£125,962	£110,451	£28,913	£265,326
Newcastle upon Tyne	£208,186	£0	£124,755	£332,941
Newham	£203,689	£0	£11,236	£214,925
Norfolk	£579,639	£371,590	£287,137	£1,238,366
North East Lincolnshire	£108,155	£0	£50,271	£158,426
North Lincolnshire	£105,550	£0	£64,355	£169,905
North Somerset	£128,164	£0	£65,259	£193,423
North Tyneside	£143,025	£0	£121,285	£264,310
North Yorkshire	£336,187	£0	£221,383	£557,570
Northamptonshire	£376,899	£191,769	£147,526	£716,194
Northumberland	£211,047	£138,679	£169,999	£519,725
Nottingham	£215,011	£165,684	£53,026	£433,721
Nottinghamshire	£489,252	£311,621	£242,737	£1,043,610
Oldham	£155,686	£0	£53,100	£208,786
Oxfordshire	£317,869	£185,330	£120,000	£623,199
Peterborough	£110,092	£158,001	£44,748	£312,841
Plymouth	£178,123	£0	£370,238	£548,361
Poole	£88,436	£0	£66,317	£154,753

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Portsmouth	£123,512	£0	£87,993	£211,505
Reading	£78,998	£0	£15,383	£94,381
Redbridge	£154,801	£0	£12,574	£167,375
Redcar and Cleveland	£99,906	£0	£77,208	£177,114
Richmond upon Thames	£91,667	£0	£12,937	£104,604
Rochdale	£153,744	£45,491	£53,829	£253,064
Rotherham	£186,609	£0	£67,121	£253,730
Rutland	£21,090	£73,748	£15,053	£109,891
Salford	£182,778	£187,439	£57,737	£427,954
Sandwell	£256,332	£0	£37,058	£293,390
Sefton	£211,522	£0	£159,969	£371,491
Sheffield	£375,257	£0	£82,089	£457,346
Shropshire	£193,342	£45,702	£117,817	£356,861
Slough	£71,500	£0	£7,651	£79,151
Solihull	£120,730	£0	£27,755	£148,485
Somerset	£346,446	£0	£282,095	£628,541
South Gloucestershire	£129,703	£296,285	£44,550	£470,538
South Tyneside	£126,960	£0	£137,848	£264,808
Southampton	£153,887	£0	£40,673	£194,560
Southend-on-Sea	£114,299	£0	£30,624	£144,923
Southwark	£217,870	£0	£13,485	£231,355
St. Helens	£133,561	£0	£73,252	£206,813
Staffordshire	£491,318	£615,035	£172,057	£1,278,410
Stockport	£177,999	£0	£43,084	£221,083
Stockton-on-Tees	£117,246	£103,196	£72,307	£292,749
Stoke-on-Trent	£184,752	£0	£63,229	£247,981
Suffolk	£452,401	£197,060	£196,265	£845,726
Sunderland	£217,472	£0	£240,173	£457,645
Surrey	£554,110	£331,824	£161,014	£1,046,948
Sutton	£102,271	£0	£13,283	£115,554

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Swindon	£106,706	£0	£61,889	£168,595
Tameside	£160,080	£0	£50,673	£210,753
Telford and Wrekin	£107,405	£0	£79,403	£186,808
Thurrock	£90,747	£0	£15,775	£106,522
Torbay	£114,935	£0	£94,424	£209,359
Tower Hamlets	£203,211	£0	£10,231	£213,442
Trafford	£131,182	£0	£32,019	£163,201
Wakefield	£228,721	£240,034	£103,529	£572,284
Walsall	£198,613	£0	£41,176	£239,789
Waltham Forest	£151,016	£0	£8,343	£159,359
Wandsworth	£179,975	£350,612	£15,756	£546,343
Warrington	£114,263	£126,130	£50,222	£290,615
Warwickshire	£309,967	£0	£101,552	£411,519
West Berkshire	£69,481	£0	£23,733	£93,214
West Sussex	£458,233	£70,676	£167,470	£696,379
Westminster	£183,540	£0	£13,254	£196,794
Wigan	£220,863	£21,511	£97,973	£340,347
Wiltshire	£252,884	£69,532	£323,914	£646,330
Windsor and Maidenhead	£66,091	£0	£21,744	£87,835
Wirral	£249,736	£0	£177,152	£426,888
Wokingham	£55,706	£0	£15,748	£71,454
Wolverhampton	£190,935	£0	£42,014	£232,949
Worcestershire	£330,779	£244,261	£116,499	£691,539
York	£101,510	£14,330	£52,439	£168,279
<b>Total</b>	<b>£33,310,000</b>	<b>£10,600,000</b>	<b>£14,000,000</b>	<b>£57,910,000</b>