



Social care grants in 2013-14: Explanatory note

1. This note provides an explanation of the three grants that you will shortly be receiving from the Department of Health for social care:

- A. Guaranteed Income Payment (GIPs) disregard for 2012/13;**
- B. Local Reform and Community Voices for 2013/14; and**
- C. Community Capacity for 2013/14.**

2. Councils will receive two payments: One will be a capital payment for their full Community Capacity allocation and the second will be a single payment covering both the GIPs and the Local Reform and Community Voices grants. Because the latter two grants both provide revenue funding, councils should expect their revenue payment to equal the sum of their full allocations for both the GIPs and the Local Reform and Community Voices grants.

A. Guaranteed Income Payment disregard for 2012/13

3. In recognition of the contribution made by armed forces personnel injured whilst on active service, veterans no longer need to use Guaranteed Income Payments paid under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) to pay for care and support services arranged by local authorities.
4. Previously, GIPs were taken into account when paying for social care. However, the arrangements announced in the Care and Support White Paper mean that, since 29th October 2012, GIPs are disregarded entirely in financial assessments made by local authorities when determining how much veterans can afford to pay for care.
5. This policy places a small new burden on local authorities, as a result of lost income from charging. In 2013/14, funding for this new burden is included in the Local Reform and Community Voices grant. However, the GIPs disregard was introduced part way through 2012/13, so this provides an additional allocation to cover the relevant part of that year.
6. The grant to cover the disregard in 2012/13 is worth £415,000 nationally. Individual allocations and further details of this grant can be found here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/213043/Local-Authority-Circular-DH201231.pdf

B. Local Reform and Community Voices for 2013/14

7. The Local Reform and Community Voices grant covers five funding streams:
 - additional funding for Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DOLS) in Hospitals;
 - additional local Healthwatch funding;
 - funding for the transfer of Independent Complaints Advocacy Service (ICAS) to local authorities;
 - funding for the transfer of Independent Mental Health Advocacy (IMHA) to local authorities; and
 - funding for the veterans Guaranteed Income Payments (GIPs) social care charges exemption in 2013/14.

8. Nationally, this grant is worth just over £42m in 2013/14. Individual allocations and further details of this grant can be found here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/217033/LASSLDH20131-Adults-PSS.pdf

C. Community Capacity for 2013/14

9. The Community Capacity grant is provided to meet capital costs associated with adult social care.

10. This grant is worth around £171m nationally. Individual allocations and further details of this grant can be found at the previous link.

11. As with all capital grants, local authorities are required to return a declaration stating that this money has been spent on capital projects. Standard text for this declaration is contained in the Grant Determination also attached to the covering email. We ask that all local authorities return their declaration to the Social Care Finance team in the Department of Health (SCfinance-enquiries@dh.gsi.gov.uk) by March 31st 2014.