



# Department of Health & Social Care

## 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 2018/19

### SUMMARY

1. This letter clarifies local authority specific revenue funding for the financial year 2018/19, which was subject to the 2015 Spending Review. This includes information on the Local Reform and Community Voices, Social Care in Prisons and War Pensions Disregard grants. It also provides information on funding for the fourth year of Care Act implementation, which comes from a range of sources in 2018/19, 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 and Social Care local authority specific revenue funding.

### SPECIFIC REVENUE FUNDING

#### Local Reform and Community Voices grant

3. The Department of Health and Social Care will make £33.80 million available through the Local Reform and Community Voices section 31 grant in 2018/19. A breakdown of the grant is shown in **Annex A**. Allocations are presented in **Annex B**. In 2018/19 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 and Social Care will make £10.76 million available through the Social Care in Prisons section 31 grant in 2018/19 (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 and Social Care consulted in November 2016 about the allocation of 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.
10. The table of 2018/19 allocations for £13 million is in **Annex B**. The War Pensions Scheme Disregard grant will be paid as a Department of Health and Social Care section 31 grant.

### **Care Act funding**

11. Local authorities will receive £531.15 million for new burdens arising from the Care Act in 2018/19. This funding will be paid out as follows:
  - a. Department of Health and Social Care section 31 grant for social care in prisons (details above).

- b. Visible lines of funding in Core Spending Power paid out by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government<sup>1</sup>:
  - i. Care Act: Funding Reform (including Deferred Payments) £118.45 million;
  - ii. Care Act: Carers etc £257.77 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 £144.17 million for support of carers under the Care Act (details below).

## **BETTER CARE FUND**

### **Revenue funding**

- 12. £167.67 million of revenue funding within the Better Care Fund is linked to a range of duties for local authorities in 2018/19. 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**

- 13. £144.17 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 2018-19* states that "carers should routinely be identified and given access to information and advice about the support available" (para 2.4).
- 14. Funding for other duties under the Care Act (e.g. advocacy, safeguarding) should be considered as included within core funding paid out by MHCLG, as set out above.

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

- 15. 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.

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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-2018-to-2019>

16. 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**

17. For further information on these allocations please contact:

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## LASSL ANNEX A: SPECIFIC GRANT RESOURCES ALLOCATED BY DHSC IN 2018/19

<b>Total national allocations, 2018/19</b>	<b>£ million</b>
<b>Revenue: Local Reform and Community Voices grant</b>	<b>33.80</b>
Of which:	
Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards in Hospitals*	5.06
Local Healthwatch*	13.90
Independent NHS Complaints Advocacy Service	14.84
<b>Revenue: Social Care in Prisons**</b>	<b>10.76</b>
<b>Revenue: War Pensions Scheme Disregard grant</b>	<b>13.00</b>
<b>Total local authority revenue grant resources</b>	<b>57.56</b>

To note, all values apart from the War Pensions Scheme Disregard grant (which has its own time profile) have been uplifted by approximately 1.48% in 2018/19 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.

\*\* 2018/19 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 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

## LASSL ANNEX B: TABLE OF ALLOCATIONS IN 2018/19

The **Local Reform and Community Voices grant** is allocated using the Adult Social Care 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 (£5.06m);
- additional Local Healthwatch funding (£13.90m). The allocations for this have a minimum amount of £10,000 per local authority; and
- funding for Independent Complaints Advisory Services (£14.84m).

The allocations of the **Social Care in Prisons grant** are 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 2018/19 reflect prison populations at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and first receptions for the year Q3 2016 to Q2 2017 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> .The allocations for 2018/19 reflect War Pensioner populations at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

Local authority	Local Reform and Community Voices 2018/19	Social Care in Prisons 2018/19	War Pensions Disregard Grant 2018/19
Barking and Dagenham	£128,519	£0	£11,412
Barnet	£203,743	£0	£15,185
Barnsley	£174,312	£0	£94,783
Bath and North East Somerset	£102,717	£0	£29,207
Bedford	£87,383	£84,229	£18,968
Bexley	£130,673	£0	£20,216
Birmingham	£788,274	£214,929	£108,754
Blackburn with Darwen	£107,595	£0	£30,077
Blackpool	£127,199	£0	£97,912
Bolton	£195,665	£0	£54,180
Bournemouth	£124,416	£0	£55,402
Bracknell Forest	£50,931	£0	£15,281

<b>Local authority</b>	<b>Local Reform and Community Voices 2018/19</b>	<b>Social Care in Prisons 2018/19</b>	<b>War Pensions Disregard Grant 2018/19</b>
Bradford	£323,346	£0	£68,891
Brent	£189,040	£0	£3,904
Brighton and Hove	£172,941	£0	£29,171
Bristol, City of	£285,505	£93,851	£50,698
Bromley	£167,564	£0	£24,381
Buckinghamshire	£235,248	£80,080	£56,650
Bury	£114,957	£0	£31,990
Calderdale	£129,583	£0	£31,839
Cambridgeshire	£327,125	£340,238	£119,288
Camden	£180,978	£0	£11,155
Central Bedfordshire	£121,891	£0	£27,519
Cheshire East	£204,186	£72,836	£59,310
Cheshire West and Chester	£206,520	£0	£98,205
City of London	£14,046	£0	£0
Cornwall	£393,185	£0	£354,657
County Durham	£397,266	£352,212	£283,813
Coventry	£218,321	£0	£42,485
Croydon	£197,246	£0	£20,656
Cumbria	£352,907	£19,750	£166,465
Darlington	£70,542	£0	£57,662
Derby	£161,668	£0	£46,237
Derbyshire	£510,564	£105,116	£171,997
Devon	£503,277	£320,059	£444,820
Doncaster	£212,524	£381,631	£134,857
Dorset	£272,389	£115,937	£234,713
Dudley	£219,807	£0	£35,022
Ealing	£199,531	£0	£10,331
East Riding of Yorkshire	£203,529	£160,704	£127,942
East Sussex	£363,945	£103,485	£136,998
Enfield	£182,791	£0	£12,247
Essex	£833,203	£105,759	£226,575
Gateshead	£159,516	£0	£106,027
Gloucestershire	£356,109	£0	£168,591
Greenwich	£187,244	£315,049	£23,144
Hackney	£197,762	£0	£7,289
Halton	£89,962	£0	£62,734
Hammersmith and Fulham	£129,268	£209,763	£13,847
Hampshire	£669,223	£106,344	£504,981

<b>Local authority</b>	<b>Local Reform and Community Voices 2018/19</b>	<b>Social Care in Prisons 2018/19</b>	<b>War Pensions Disregard Grant 2018/19</b>
Haringey	£161,616	£0	£6,478
Harrow	£136,509	£0	£7,823
Hartlepool	£70,536	£0	£55,675
Havering	£141,556	£0	£19,382
Herefordshire, County of	£123,951	£0	£100,367
Hertfordshire	£581,943	£87,359	£96,016
Hillingdon	£146,542	£0	£18,481
Hounslow	£140,663	£12,370	£10,109
Isle of Wight	£107,878	£255,125	£63,761
Isles of Scilly	£11,050	£0	£0
Islington	£180,997	£202,517	£7,259
Kensington and Chelsea	£122,007	£0	£21,462
Kent	£867,681	£438,814	£341,889
Kingston upon Hull, City of	£204,510	£192,900	£88,812
Kingston upon Thames	£80,679	£0	£9,016
Kirklees	£261,789	£0	£66,032
Knowsley	£137,527	£0	£99,768
Lambeth	£212,388	£90,765	£14,635
Lancashire	£776,712	£496,932	£388,302
Leeds	£466,004	£194,323	£95,755
Leicester	£221,513	£39,515	£31,685
Leicestershire	£339,819	£102,137	£103,195
Lewisham	£192,537	£0	£13,745
Lincolnshire	£474,059	£166,231	£390,735
Liverpool	£416,231	£317,900	£266,986
Luton	£110,932	£0	£13,604
Manchester	£375,262	£143,707	£55,017
Medway	£140,456	£43,995	£57,725
Merton	£105,272	£0	£13,799
Middlesbrough	£106,684	£0	£55,985
Milton Keynes	£127,816	£76,192	£27,772
Newcastle upon Tyne	£211,250	£0	£112,773
Newham	£206,688	£0	£10,225
Norfolk	£588,173	£349,226	£264,667
North East Lincolnshire	£109,749	£0	£47,351
North Lincolnshire	£107,104	£0	£61,056
North Somerset	£130,051	£0	£61,298
North Tyneside	£145,131	£0	£109,984



<b>Local authority</b>	<b>Local Reform and Community Voices 2018/19</b>	<b>Social Care in Prisons 2018/19</b>	<b>War Pensions Disregard Grant 2018/19</b>
North Yorkshire	£341,136	£0	£207,960
Northamptonshire	£382,449	£193,318	£137,090
Northumberland	£214,153	£140,147	£158,693
Nottingham	£218,175	£156,269	£46,901
Nottinghamshire	£496,456	£320,374	£230,888
Oldham	£157,978	£0	£50,010
Oxfordshire	£322,550	£201,408	£109,968
Peterborough	£111,713	£176,516	£42,814
Plymouth	£180,745	£0	£353,317
Poole	£89,739	£0	£61,052
Portsmouth	£125,331	£0	£80,553
Reading	£80,161	£0	£13,072
Redbridge	£157,080	£0	£11,655
Redcar and Cleveland	£101,376	£0	£69,917
Richmond upon Thames	£93,018	£0	£11,964
Rochdale	£156,008	£38,562	£50,654
Rotherham	£189,357	£0	£59,352
Rutland	£21,253	£74,792	£14,139
Salford	£185,470	£173,603	£52,570
Sandwell	£260,107	£0	£33,371
Sefton	£214,637	£0	£148,538
Sheffield	£380,781	£0	£73,564
Shropshire	£196,189	£46,304	£113,204
Slough	£72,552	£0	£5,738
Solihull	£122,508	£0	£26,118
Somerset	£351,547	£0	£267,928
South Gloucestershire	£131,613	£303,774	£41,606
South Tyneside	£128,829	£0	£123,093
Southampton	£156,153	£0	£36,452
Southend-on-Sea	£115,984	£0	£28,437
Southwark	£221,077	£0	£12,005
St. Helens	£135,528	£0	£67,953
Staffordshire	£498,551	£620,589	£163,459
Stockport	£180,619	£0	£39,806
Stockton-on-Tees	£118,972	£158,382	£67,529
Stoke-on-Trent	£187,473	£0	£58,829
Suffolk	£459,061	£215,450	£182,764
Sunderland	£220,674	£0	£217,435

<b>Local authority</b>	<b>Local Reform and Community Voices 2018/19</b>	<b>Social Care in Prisons 2018/19</b>	<b>War Pensions Disregard Grant 2018/19</b>
Surrey	£562,269	£398,575	£146,230
Sutton	£103,777	£0	£11,944
Swindon	£108,277	£0	£59,528
Tameside	£162,437	£0	£46,443
Telford and Wrekin	£108,986	£0	£76,183
Thurrock	£92,084	£0	£14,126
Torbay	£116,627	£0	£88,820
Tower Hamlets	£206,202	£0	£9,772
Trafford	£133,114	£0	£29,318
Wakefield	£232,089	£235,134	£100,009
Walsall	£201,539	£0	£37,485
Waltham Forest	£153,239	£0	£8,453
Wandsworth	£182,625	£363,371	£13,274
Warrington	£115,945	£134,219	£45,492
Warwickshire	£314,531	£0	£95,249
West Berkshire	£70,505	£0	£21,540
West Sussex	£464,980	£68,272	£153,205
Westminster	£186,242	£0	£11,711
Wigan	£224,114	£26,918	£91,609
Wiltshire	£256,607	£59,585	£310,618
Windsor and Maidenhead	£67,064	£0	£20,581
Wirral	£253,413	£0	£162,331
Wokingham	£56,527	£0	£14,401
Wolverhampton	£193,747	£0	£38,875
Worcestershire	£335,650	£246,588	£106,423
York	£103,006	£15,870	£48,890
<b>Total</b>	<b>£33,800,000</b>	<b>£10,760,000</b>	<b>£13,000,000</b>