

## Adult Pooled Budget

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Central government has recognised the importance of pooled budgets as a mechanism for planning and delivering integrated and coordinated services, and is increasingly requiring Councils and CCGs to work together in this way.

Section 75 of the National Health Service Act 2006 and the NHS Bodies and Local Authorities Partnership Regulations 2000 provide the legislative framework for partnership working and allow for the establishment of a 'pooled' fund. Contributions can come from two or more local authorities and NHS bodies who agree the aims and objectives of the joint investment fund in line with local needs and priorities. Pooled budgets support the implementation of joint commissioning strategies.

During the financial year ending 31 March 2016, five adult pooled budgets were in operation between Islington Council and Islington CCG, and hosted by the Council

- A pooled budget for **Learning Disability** Services has been in operation since 2004. The total gross budget for the pool was £29.792 in 2015-16. The Council's contribution to the pooled budget was £26.127m in 2015-16 and Islington CCG's contribution was £3.665m. The contributions remain the same for 2016-17.

In common with most other local authorities and CCG's, the Learning Disability pooled budget has continued to face significant pressure year on year, both in terms of the demographic demand for and cost of services. Management action plans have been developed to secure efficiencies in 2016-17.

- A pooled fund for **Intermediate Care**, established in 2003, seeks to prevent and reduce delays in discharge from hospitals for Islington residents. The total budget was £6.737m in 2015-16. The Council's contribution was £2.066m and the CCG's contribution £4.641m in 2015-16. It should be noted that a third pooled budget partner, Whittington NHS Trust, provides an additional £30k 'contribution in kind' to the pool. The investment from each organisation for 2016-17 will be £2,078m and £4.687m from the Council and CCG respectively with a total pooled fund of £6.795m including the £30k 'contribution in kind' from Whittington NHS Trust respectively.
- A pooled budget for **Mental Health** Commissioning of adult care began operating in April 2004. The total budget was £4.634m in 2015-16 and will be £4.700m in 2016-17. The Council's contribution to the pooled budget was £2.447m in 2015-16 and will be £2.513m in 2016-17. Islington CCG's contribution was £2.187m in 2015-16 and remains at that level in 2016-17, a net increase of £77k. This pool is hosted by Islington Council.
- A pooled budget for **Carers** services began operating in April 2011. The Carer's Pool seeks to increase support given to people who act as unpaid carers by integrating the service delivery between Health and Social Care. The total budget was £1.055m in 2015-16 and will remain at that level for 2016-17. The Council's contribution to the pooled budget was £960k in 2015-16 and Islington CCG's contribution was £95m. There will be no change to these levels in 2016-17.
- A pooled budget for **Mental Health Care of Older People** began operating in April 2011. The pool focuses on improving the delivery of residential services for older people with mental health needs by integrating the service and commissioning arrangements within Health and Social Care. The total budget was £5.471m in 2015-16 and will be £5.548m in 2016-17. The Council's contribution to the pooled budget was £2.518m in 2015-16 and will be £3.137m in 2016-17. Islington CCG's contribution was £2.953m in 2015