

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 2015, 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 for the last eleven years. The total gross budget for the pool was £29.2m in 2014/15. The Council's contribution to the pooled budget was £25.7m and Islington CCG's contribution was £3.6m. The proposed net increase to the total pooled budget for 2015/16 is £550k. The Islington CCG share of this increase is £67k and the Council's is £483k in 2015/16.

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 2015/16.

- 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 £6.74m in 2014/15. The Council's contribution was £2.07m and the CCG's contribution £4.64m in 2014/15. 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 will remain the same for 2015/16 and commissioners will implement the recommendations of a review of services.
- A pooled budget for *Mental Health* Commissioning of adult care began operating in April 2004. The total budget was £4.564m in 2014/15. The Council's contribution to the pooled budget was £2.41m and the CCGs was £2,154 in 2014/5. The proposed net increase to the total pooled budget for 2015/16 is £70k. The Islington CCG share of this increase is £33k and the Council's is £37k in 2015/16.
- 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 £1.1m in 2014/15 and will remain at that level for 2015/6. The Council's contribution to the pooled budget was £960k in 2014/15 and Islington CCG's contribution was £0.1m. There will be no change to these levels in 2015/16.
- A pooled budget for *Mental Health Care of Older People* pool 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 £5.37m in 2014/15 and will be £5.47m in 2015/16. The Council's contribution to the pooled budget was £3.036m in 2014/15 and will be £3,093m in 2015/16. Islington CCG's contribution was £2.334m in 2014/15 and will be £2,378m in 2015/16, a net increase of £101k. This pool is hosted by Islington Council.