

Appendix 5 - Barnet's response to the Consultation on funding formulae for implementation of the Care Act in 2015/16



Department
of Health

Consultation Reply Form: Consultation on funding formulae for implementation of the Care Act in 2015/16

As part of the Care Act 2014 local authorities will be granted new duties. We're asking for views on how the funding for 3 of these new duties will be allocated.

The 3 duties and funding available in financial year 2015 to 2016 are:

- additional assessments for the cap on care costs: £175 million
- universal deferred payment agreements: £108.5 million
- social care in prisons: £11.2 million

The funding for the first 2 duties will be paid to local authorities as a Department for Communities and Local Government revenue grant and the funding for social care in prisons will be paid as a Department of Health revenue grant.

The consultation is mainly aimed at local authorities, but we also welcome responses from care providers, people with care and support needs, and their carers.

Please send completed forms to scallocations@dh.gsi.gov.uk by the end of Thursday 9th October 2014. Alternatively, you can respond online at <http://consultations.dh.gov.uk/social-care-funding-1/allocations-for-2015-16/>

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Is this the official response on behalf of your organisation?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If you do not wish your response to be identified in the summary report of consultation responses, please tick this box	<input type="checkbox"/>

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The Department will process your personal data in accordance with the DPA and in most circumstances this will mean that your personal data will not be disclosed to third parties.

Questions on Cap Additional Assessments

Question CAA1: Do you prefer: CAA Option 1: the extrapolation approach or CAA Option 2: the epidemiology approach?

Prefer CAA Option 1 (extrapolation approach)
Prefer CAA Option 2 (epidemiology approach)

Question CAA2: Why do you prefer the option selected above? Do you have any comments about the options or alternative suggestions for allocating the funding?

We prefer CAA Option 2 because it better reflects local practice and takes into account the fact that Barnet is home to a disproportionately large number of care providers, with 103 registered care and nursing homes in the borough.

The funding for 2015/16 appears adequate based on current forecasting.

However, if the formulae were to be carried forward to determine allocations for 2016/17 then we forecast that the Council will have a shortfall in funding of up to £3m because of the expected large rise in assessments following the introduction of the Cap and Care Account in April 2016.

In addition, we note that the funding formulae do not cover the cost of additional carers assessments because this is funded by £137k of the £846k of Better Care Fund being received by Barnet. Our modelling indicates that this will be insufficient to cover the demand for additional carers assessments generated by the implementation of the Care Act.

Questions on Deferred Payment Agreements

Question DPA1: Do you agree with the Department's proposal to allocate funding for the universal deferred payment scheme using this DPA RNF formula?

Yes No

Question DPA2: Do you have any comments about our proposal or alternative suggestions for allocating the funding?

No comments.

Question DPA3: What was the cost of deferred payments in your local authority

**(i) in 2012/13 for deferred payments newly issued in that year, and
(ii) in 2013/14 for deferred payments newly issued in that year?**

You should include Section 22s.

You may already have prepared this data for the ADASS Budget Survey.

In 2012/13 for deferred payments newly issued in that year £0

In 2013/14 for deferred payments newly issued in that year £0

Question DPA4: Which option do you prefer, NDPA1 (national netting off adjustment) or NDPA2 (the local netting off adjustment)?

Prefer NDPA Option 1 (national netting off)

Prefer NDPA Option 2 (local netting off adjustment)

Question DPA5: Do you have any comments about the options, or alternative suggestions for netting off this funding?

Whilst the London Borough of Barnet has a Deferred Payment Scheme in principle, it has not been used or publicised for several years. In order to meet the requirements of the Care Act an entirely new scheme will need to be set up from first principles.

Barnet has not received any previous funding available for setting up a deferred payment scheme.

Questions on Social Care in Prisons

Question PRIS1: Do you agree with the Department's proposal to allocate funding for social care in prisons using this formula?

Yes No

There currently are no prisons, approved premises or other bail accommodation within the area covered by the London Borough of Barnet.

Question PRIS2: Do you have any comments about our proposal or alternative suggestions for allocating the funding?

No comments.