

# REPORT TO: Health and Wellbeing Board

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**Date of Meeting: 27 January 2015**

**Report of: Director of Adult Social Care CEC, Brenda Smith**

**Subject/Title: s.256 Pilots – Progress Update**

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## 1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 The NHS Social Care Allocation to Cheshire East Council for 2013/14 is an amount of funding, determined by the Department of Health, that is to be transferred from the NHS (NHS England) to Councils (Gateway Reference 18568). The funds are to be spent on social care support that also has health benefits. The way the funds are spent has to be agreed with local health partners. The formal agreement is between NHS England and Cheshire East Council via a s.256 agreement. However the NHS England Cheshire, Warrington and Wirral Local Area Team seek support from the Clinical Commissioning Groups to the proposals for spending. This support is to be based upon plans that are robust.
- 1.2 The s.256 agreement was endorsed at the Health and Wellbeing Board on 27 August 2013. This paper provides an update on the agreed proposals for this fund.
- 1.3 Five areas of spending were agreed (table below). The first two areas below are continuations of existing spending. The three new areas of spend are: a pilot of the expansion of the existing Assistive Technology and Occupational Therapy (OT) service - £552,000 (c/f ringfence from 13/14); a pilot of the use of assistive technology for adults with learning disability - £246,500 (c/f ringfence from 13/14); and a pilot dementia reablement service - £637,574 (c/f ringfence from 13/14).

Service	Allocation £	Launch Date
1. Community Reablement	£2,826,000	Ongoing
2. Assistive Technology and Occupational Therapy support:	£ 930,000	Ongoing
3. Pilot of Dementia Reablement service as an early intervention initiative	£637,574	1 <sup>st</sup> May 2015
4. Pilot of Assistive Technology and Occupational Therapy Universal Outreach (now known as 'Lifelinks')	£ 552,000	1 <sup>st</sup> June 2015
5. Pilot of the use of Assistive Technology for adults with Learning Disability	£246,500	Dec. 2014

- 1.4 The project plans on these three pilots were circulated for discussion at the Joint Commissioning Leadership Team (JCLT) meeting of 21 November 2014. At that meeting the pilots were well received and JCLT were assured that good

progress was now being made. This report provides the latest highlights of progress against the project plans since that report to JCLT.

1.5 Appendices 1, 2 and 3 attached provide that progress update.

## **2.0 Outline of the Objectives of the three Pilot projects**

The pilots are all aimed at increasing the independence and self reliance of adults who are at risk of losing their independence and wellbeing. They will run for 12 months to test their impact on that objective. Each will be fully evaluated to consider what the benefits are, to customers and to agencies and what the funding options for continuation are (including self-sustainability).

2.1 Pilot of Dementia Reablement service as an early intervention initiative.

This service will be targeted at those who have received an early diagnosis of dementia. The outcomes sought from this innovative and experimental approach is for those in an early stage of dementia to increase their ability to continue to live independent lives and improve quality of life for them and their carers.

2.2 Pilot of Assistive Technology and Occupational Therapy Universal Outreach (now known as 'Lifelinks')

This service will be targeted at the universal population to seek to inform and advise at a much earlier stage about the assistive technologies and equipment that can prevent loss of independence.

2.3 Pilot of the use of Assistive Technology for adults with Learning Disability

There are an expanding range of technologies available, including everything from apps on mobile devices to sophisticated monitoring equipment. This pilot will seek to explore how that range of technologies can be used to help adults with learning disabilities to be more independent.

## **2.0 Recommendation**

2.1 That the Health and Wellbeing Board note the progress of the three pilots.

## **3.0 Reasons for Recommendations**

3.1 For Health and Wellbeing Board to monitor the delivery of the pilots.

## **4.0 Background summary**

4.1 Background is provided in Appendices attached as follows:  
Appendix 1 - Dementia Reablement,  
Appendix 2 – 'Lifelinks'  
Appendix 3 – The use of Assistive Technology for adults with Learning Disability.

## **5.0 Access to Information**

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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