

Decision Pathway – Report



PURPOSE: Key decision

MEETING: Cabinet

DATE: 24 January 2023

TITLE	Learning Disability & Autism (LDA) s256 funding		
Ward(s)	All Wards		
Author: Jonathan Wright	Job title: Strategic Commissioning Manager		
Cabinet lead: Cllr Helen Holland Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and the Integrated Care System	Executive Director lead: Hugh Evans Executive Director Adults and Communities		
Proposal origin: BCC Staff			
Decision maker: Cabinet Member Decision forum: Cabinet			
Purpose of Report: This report seeks approval to spend funding (£3.3m) received from the Integrated Care Board (ICB) (formerly the Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (BNSSG CCG)) to be used as previously agreed on various shared integrated work streams relating to Learning Disability and Autism (LDA)			
Evidence Base: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The resource in question was transferred from BNSSG CCG (as was) to Bristol City Council (BCC) at the end of 2021/2 under section 256 (s256) of the NHS Act (2006), which enables payments between NHS bodies and local authorities. 2. This funding has been given to BCC to implement a Learning Disability and Autism transformation programme in line with the objectives of the current BCC Transformation Programme. The PID for this can be found in the appendixes. 3. In the P10 Finance Exception report (2021/22, dated 2 March 2022), Cabinet authorised the Executive Director: People, to accept the funding allocations as outlined in Appendix A of that report upon successful completion of the bidding process. This included a bid of £3.3m for Learning Difficulties and Autism which at that time was the subject of ongoing discussions with the then BNSSG CCG and other Local Authorities (South Gloucestershire and North Somerset) regarding support for people with a learning disability and/or autism to help them move out of inpatient placements and back into their communities, and to ensure that they have access to a range of options and life choices. 4. In the P11 Finance Exception report for 2021/2 it was reported that funding had been confirmed at £3.3m across the BNSSG system for New Models of Care (Learning Disabilities / Autism Bespoke Placements) and stated for what purposes the funding would be used. 5. The funding will be used to support Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Councils to undertake the following. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pump prime and commission specialist accommodation and packages of care to enable BNSSG ICS to 			

- support people with a learning disability and/or autism (within the 'Assuring Transformation' cohort) to move out of inpatient placements and back into their communities.
- b. Commission accommodation and support which enables people with highly complex needs to remain safe in their local communities and closer to their networks of support.
 - c. Enable these individuals to live as independently as possible, with the right support wrapped around them.
 - d. To reduce the reliance on Out of Area (OOA) placements to support individuals in the Assuring Transformation population.
 - e. Support the provision of an appropriate caring environment to include accommodation, adaptation costs and sourcing the appropriate care environment.
 - f. Fund the start-up and transitional costs of moving individuals into the appropriate caring environment and allowing in-reach visits.
 - g. Pump prime the placement to reduce the need for a high staffing ratio in the medium to long term.
6. Attached at Appendix A is confirmation from the BNSSG Learning Disability and Mental Health Steering Group permitting use of the funding to deliver resource for a LDA Programme, and discretionary use of remaining funds to set up individual placements for the Transforming Care Cohort, complex learning disability or mental health cases: people currently in inpatient settings that are set to discharge to the community.

Cabinet Member / Officer Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

1. Authorises the Executive Director Adults and Communities in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and the Integrated Care System to take all steps required to spend the s256 funding of £3.3m allocated for Learning Disability & Autism (LDA) including procuring and awarding contracts (including individual contracts over £500k) as outlined in this report.

Corporate Strategy alignment:

The use of the s256 funding for LDA supports integration of Health and Social Care systems

City Benefits:

Funding agreed to support the most vulnerable people that have a statutory need

Consultation Details:

Agreed through partner governance panels with the NHS and other BNSSG LAs

Background Documents:

[P10 Finance Exception report 2 March 2022](#)

[P11 Finance Exception Report 5 April 2022](#)

Revenue Cost	£3.3m	Source of Revenue Funding	s256 funding from the ICB
Capital Cost	£0	Source of Capital Funding	N/A
One off cost <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ongoing cost <input type="checkbox"/>	Saving Proposal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Income generation proposal <input type="checkbox"/>

Required information to be completed by Financial/Legal/ICT/ HR partners:

1. Finance Advice: This report seeks approval to spend the s256 funding of £3.3m allocated for Learning Disability & Autism (LDA) including procuring, granting, funding, and awarding contracts (including individual contracts over £500k) where necessary. This funding is held by Bristol City Council on behalf of the LDA partnership which is

composed of BNSSG ICB, South Gloucestershire Council and North Somerset Council and all partners must jointly agree the spending proposals and enter into their own contractual arrangements as they affect their organisation. Bristol's role will be to passport the funding to the appropriate organisation. As this is one off funding, before any spending proposals are considered which affect BCC, there must be a full assessment of any longer term funding implications which may be significant and how they will be met. For example, long term and ongoing care costs.

Finance Business Partner: Denise Hunt 13 December 2022

2. Legal Advice: The procurement process must be conducted in line with the 2015 Procurement Regulations and the Councils own procurement rules. Legal services will advise and assist officers with regard to the conduct of the procurement process and the resulting contractual arrangements.

Legal Team Leader: Husinara Jones, Team Manager/Solicitor 9 December 2022

3. Implications on IT: No implications for IT

IT Team Leader: Alex Simpson Senior Solution Architect 23 December 2022

4. HR Advice: The report is requesting approval to move funding (£3.3M) received from the Integrated Care Board (ICB) into operational budgets to be used as previously agreed to Learning Disability and Autism (LDA) workstreams. This report does not have any significant HR matters arising from it.

HR Partner: Lorna Laing 12 December 2022

EDM Sign-off	Christina Gray	7 December 2022
Cabinet Member sign-off	Cllr Helen Holland	12 December 2022
For Key Decisions - Mayor's Office sign-off	Mayor's Office	19 December 2022

Appendix A – Further essential background / detail on the proposal	NO
Appendix B – Details of consultation carried out - internal and external	NO
Appendix C – Summary of any engagement with scrutiny	NO
Appendix D – Risk assessment	NO
Appendix E – Equalities screening / impact assessment of proposal	NO
Appendix F – Eco-impact screening/ impact assessment of proposal	NO
Appendix G – Financial Advice	NO
Appendix H – Legal Advice	NO
Appendix I – Exempt Information	NO
Appendix J – HR advice	NO
Appendix K – ICT	NO
Appendix L – Procurement	NO