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LOCAL AUTHORITY SOCIAL SERVICES LETTER

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To: The Director of Adults' Social Services

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Metropolitan District Councils) England
Shire Unitary Councils)
London Borough Councils
Common Council of the City of London
Council of the Isles of Scilly

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ADULT PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES: SPECIFIC REVENUE FUNDING & GRANT ALLOCATIONS FOR 2016/17

SUMMARY

1. This letter clarifies local authority specific revenue funding for the financial year 2016/17, which was subject to the 2015 Spending Review. It provides information on funding for the second year of Care Act implementation, which comes from a range of sources in 2016/17, as well as details of some elements of the Better Care Fund.

ACTION

2. This letter is provided for information only, and confirms details and allocations of Department of Health local authority specific revenue funding.

SPECIFIC REVENUE FUNDING

Local Reform and Community Voices grant

3. The Department of Health will make £32.8 million available through the Local Reform and Community Voices section 31 grant in 2016/17. A breakdown of the grant is shown in **Annex A**. Allocations are presented in **Annex B**. In 2016/17 this grant is comprised of the following funding streams (social care in prisons is discussed separately below):
 - funding for Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DOLS) in Hospitals;
 - local Healthwatch funding, and;
 - funding for Independent NHS Complaints Advocacy Services (ICAS).

4. Local authorities have a duty under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (as amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012) to ensure that an effective local Healthwatch is operating in their area, delivering the activities set out in the legislation. The Local Reform and Community Voices grant provides one element of the non-ring fenced funding provided for local Healthwatch, with the larger proportion having been rolled in to the local government settlement in 2011/12.

Social Care in Prisons grant

5. The Department of Health will make £10.45 million available through the Social Care in Prisons grant in 2016/17 (this makes up part of the Care Act funding covered in further detail below). Further grant details in **Annex A**. Allocations are presented in **Annex B**.
6. The Act establishes that the local authority in which a prison, approved premises or bail accommodation is based will be responsible for assessing and meeting the care and support needs of the offenders residing there.
7. The provision of care and support for those in custodial settings is based on the principle of equivalence to provision in the community. The Act clarifies the application of Part 1 for people in custodial settings, including aspects which do not apply.

Care Act Funding

8. Local authorities will receive £433 million for new burdens arising from the Care Act in 2016/17. This funding will be paid out as follows:
 - a. Department of Health section 31 grant for social care in prisons (details above).
 - b. Visible lines of funding in core spending power paid out by the Department of Communities and Local Government¹:
 - i. Care Act: Funding Reform (including Deferred Payments) £121.1 million;
 - ii. Care Act: Carers etc £186.6 million. Funding for other duties introduced by the Care Act 2014, including carer assessment and support, access to advocacy support, adult safeguarding, and ensuring continuity of care for people moving area.
 - c. Funding in the Better Care Fund of £114.6 million specifically for support of carers under the Care Act (details below).

¹ See *Core spending power: visible lines of funding* here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/final-local-government-finance-settlement-england-2016-to-2017>

BETTER CARE FUND

Revenue funding

9. £138 million of revenue funding within the Better Care Fund is linked to a range of duties for local authorities in 2016/17. This should provide for duties included in the Care Act that commenced in 2015/16, focussing on support for carers (see below). The funding also includes provision for Independent Mental Health Advocacy and the disregard for Guaranteed Income Payments for veterans, and money to offset financial pressures on the care and support system that may be created by changes to the pensions and benefit systems.

Support for Carers

10. £114.6 million of this funding will be for carer support under the Care Act 2014, as carer support is an important area of joint responsibility where integrated approaches can be beneficial. In addition to the duties on local authorities in the Care Act, *The Government's mandate to NHS England for 2016-17* states that, "carers should routinely be identified and given access to information and advice about the support available" (para 2.4).
11. Funding for other duties under the Care Act (e.g. advocacy, safeguarding) should be considered as included within core funding paid out by DCLG, as set out above.

Independent Mental Health Advocacy (IMHA)

12. From 2013/14 to 2014/15, the Local Reform and Community Voices grant contained funding for the transfer to local authorities of responsibility for commissioning Independent Mental Health Advocacy services. In 2015/16 this funding stream was moved into the Better Care Fund.
13. Local authorities continue to have a duty under the Mental Health Act 1983 (as amended by the Mental Health Act 2007 and the Health and Social Care Act 2012) to make arrangements to enable every qualifying patient who wants one to have access to an IMHA. Qualifying patients include patients detained under provisions (other than emergency provisions) of the Mental Health Act 1983, all patients on Community Treatment Orders and all patients subject to guardianship under the Mental Health Act 1983.

Update to 2015/16 funding

14. The Government decided last year to delay implementation of the cap on care costs system from April 2016 to April 2020. This was confirmed in a letter published on 17th July 2015.
15. The funding originally allocated for implementation and early assessments for the cap on care costs in 2015/16 will remain with local authorities.

ENQUIRIES

16. For further information on these allocations please contact:

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LASSL ANNEX A: SPECIFIC GRANT RESOURCES ALLOCATED BY DH

Total national allocations, 2016/17	£ million
Revenue: Local Reform and Community Voices grant	32.83
Of which:	
Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards in Hospitals*	4.92
Local Healthwatch*	13.50
Independent NHS Complaints Advocacy Service	14.41
Revenue: Social Care in Prisons**	10.45
Total local authority revenue grant resources	43.28

To note, all values uplifted by 1.5% in 2016/17 in line with GDP growth².

*In addition to the funding outlined here, these services are also supported through the Local Government Finance Settlement.

** 2016/17 funding level as per the Care Act 2014 Impact Assessment (<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/23/impacts>).

² <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/gdp-deflators-at-market-prices-and-money-gdp>

LASSL ANNEX B: Table of allocations for LASSL March 2016-17

The **Local Reform and Community Voices grant** is allocated using the Relative Needs Formula (with one de minimis element), and is comprised of the following policy lines:

- additional funding for Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DOLS) in Hospitals (£4.92m);
- additional local Healthwatch funding (£13.50m). The allocations for this have a minimum amount of £10,000 per local authority; and
- Funding for Independent Complaints Advisory Services (£14.41m).

The allocations of the **Social Care in Prisons grant** is as set out in the '*Response to the consultation on funding formulae for implementation of the Care Act in 2015/16: Allocations for early assessments against the cap on care costs, universal deferred payment agreements, social care in prisons and additional funding for Care Act implementation, including carers rights*'.

Available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/care-act-2014-funding-allocations-for-new-adult-social-care-duties> . The prisons allocations for 2016/17 reflect prison populations at 30th June 2015 and first receptions for the year Q3 2014 to Q2 2015, and are adjusted for certain planned closures.

Local Authority name	Social Care in Prisons 2016-17 Revenue (£10.45m)	Local Reform and Community Voices Grant 2016-17 Revenue (£32.83m)	Total (£43.28m)
Barking and Dagenham	£0	£124,828	£124,828
Barnet	£0	£197,890	£197,890
Barnsley	£0	£169,305	£169,305
Bath and North East Somerset	£0	£99,767	£99,767
Bedford	£75,594	£84,874	£160,468
Bexley	£0	£126,921	£126,921
Birmingham	£200,806	£765,632	£966,438
Blackburn with Darwen	£0	£104,506	£104,506
Blackpool	£0	£123,546	£123,546
Bolton	£0	£190,045	£190,045
Bournemouth	£0	£120,842	£120,842
Bracknell Forest	£0	£49,468	£49,468
Bradford	£0	£314,058	£314,058
Brent	£0	£183,610	£183,610
Brighton and Hove	£0	£167,974	£167,974
Bristol, City of	£93,887	£277,303	£371,190

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Bromley	£0	£162,750	£162,750
Buckinghamshire	£75,968	£228,491	£304,459
Bury	£0	£111,656	£111,656
Calderdale	£0	£125,860	£125,860
Cambridgeshire	£317,549	£317,728	£635,277
Camden	£0	£175,780	£175,780
Central Bedfordshire	£0	£118,389	£118,389
Cheshire East	£72,528	£198,321	£270,849
Cheshire West and Chester	£0	£200,587	£200,587
City of London	£0	£13,929	£13,929
Cornwall	£0	£381,891	£381,891
County Durham	£358,011	£385,855	£743,866
Coventry	£0	£212,050	£212,050
Croydon	£0	£191,581	£191,581
Cumbria	£47,775	£342,769	£390,544
Darlington	£0	£68,516	£68,516
Derby	£0	£157,024	£157,024
Derbyshire	£83,606	£495,899	£579,505
Devon	£303,454	£488,821	£792,275
Doncaster	£343,077	£206,421	£549,498
Dorset	£67,069	£264,565	£331,634
Dudley	£0	£213,493	£213,493
Ealing	£0	£193,799	£193,799
East Riding of Yorkshire	£161,133	£197,682	£358,815
East Sussex	£97,638	£353,492	£451,130
Enfield	£0	£177,540	£177,540
Essex	£101,676	£809,270	£910,946
Gateshead	£0	£154,934	£154,934
Gloucestershire	£0	£345,881	£345,881
Greenwich	£325,816	£181,866	£507,682
Hackney	£0	£192,083	£192,083

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Halton	£0	£87,378	£87,378
Hammersmith and Fulham	£203,698	£125,554	£329,252
Hampshire	£112,562	£650,000	£762,562
Haringey	£0	£156,974	£156,974
Harrow	£0	£132,587	£132,587
Hartlepool	£0	£68,510	£68,510
Havering	£0	£137,489	£137,489
Herefordshire, County of	£0	£120,391	£120,391
Hertfordshire	£98,486	£565,227	£663,713
Hillingdon	£0	£142,333	£142,333
Hounslow	£11,043	£136,622	£147,665
Isle of Wight	£291,392	£104,778	£396,170
Isles of Scilly	£0	£11,020	£11,020
Islington	£229,602	£175,798	£405,400
Kensington and Chelsea	£0	£118,502	£118,502
Kent	£417,520	£842,757	£1,260,277
Kingston upon Hull, City of	£166,956	£198,635	£365,591
Kingston upon Thames	£0	£78,361	£78,361
Kirklees	£0	£254,270	£254,270
Knowsley	£0	£133,576	£133,576
Lambeth	£69,165	£206,289	£275,454
Lancashire	£470,986	£754,402	£1,225,388
Leeds	£208,109	£452,619	£660,728
Leicester	£45,044	£215,151	£260,195
Leicestershire	£125,387	£330,058	£455,445
Lewisham	£0	£187,007	£187,007
Lincolnshire	£130,489	£460,442	£590,931
Liverpool	£325,103	£404,275	£729,378
Luton	£0	£107,747	£107,747
Manchester	£157,967	£364,483	£522,450
Medway	£53,229	£136,422	£189,651

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Merton	£0	£102,249	£102,249
Middlesbrough	£0	£103,620	£103,620
Milton Keynes	£100,560	£124,147	£224,707
Newcastle upon Tyne	£0	£205,182	£205,182
Newham	£0	£200,750	£200,750
Norfolk	£361,265	£571,279	£932,544
North East Lincolnshire	£0	£106,596	£106,596
North Lincolnshire	£0	£104,028	£104,028
North Somerset	£0	£126,315	£126,315
North Tyneside	£0	£140,962	£140,962
North Yorkshire	£0	£331,337	£331,337
Northamptonshire	£205,157	£371,464	£576,621
Northumberland	£129,696	£208,003	£337,699
Nottingham	£170,640	£211,909	£382,549
Nottinghamshire	£322,133	£482,196	£804,329
Oldham	£0	£153,440	£153,440
Oxfordshire	£191,828	£313,285	£505,113
Peterborough	£148,256	£108,504	£256,760
Plymouth	£0	£175,554	£175,554
Poole	£0	£87,161	£87,161
Portsmouth	£0	£121,732	£121,732
Reading	£0	£77,859	£77,859
Redbridge	£0	£152,568	£152,568
Redcar and Cleveland	£0	£98,465	£98,465
Richmond upon Thames	£0	£90,345	£90,345
Rochdale	£32,355	£151,527	£183,882
Rotherham	£0	£183,917	£183,917
Rutland	£54,128	£20,931	£75,059
Salford	£164,587	£180,142	£344,729
Sandwell	£0	£252,635	£252,635
Sefton	£23,784	£208,472	£232,256

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Sheffield	£0	£369,844	£369,844
Shropshire	£40,728	£190,553	£231,281
Slough	£0	£70,470	£70,470
Solihull	£0	£118,989	£118,989
Somerset	£0	£341,449	£341,449
South Gloucestershire	£272,870	£127,833	£400,703
South Tyneside	£0	£125,128	£125,128
Southampton	£0	£151,666	£151,666
Southend-on-Sea	£0	£112,651	£112,651
Southwark	£0	£214,727	£214,727
St. Helens	£0	£131,635	£131,635
Staffordshire	£558,997	£484,231	£1,043,228
Stockport	£0	£175,432	£175,432
Stockton-on-Tees	£147,054	£115,555	£262,609
Stoke-on-Trent	£0	£182,087	£182,087
Suffolk	£195,107	£445,875	£640,982
Sunderland	£0	£214,335	£214,335
Surrey	£417,905	£546,118	£964,023
Sutton	£0	£100,796	£100,796
Swindon	£0	£105,167	£105,167
Tameside	£0	£157,772	£157,772
Telford and Wrekin	£0	£105,856	£105,856
Thurrock	£0	£89,438	£89,438
Torbay	£0	£113,277	£113,277
Tower Hamlets	£0	£200,280	£200,280
Trafford	£0	£129,290	£129,290
Wakefield	£245,922	£225,422	£471,344
Walsall	£0	£195,748	£195,748
Waltham Forest	£0	£148,838	£148,838
Wandsworth	£282,722	£177,379	£460,101
Warrington	£127,483	£112,616	£240,099

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Warwickshire	£0	£305,496	£305,496
West Berkshire	£0	£68,479	£68,479
West Sussex	£70,379	£451,625	£522,004
Westminster	£0	£180,893	£180,893
Wigan	£21,463	£217,678	£239,141
Wiltshire	£57,834	£249,237	£307,071
Windsor and Maidenhead	£0	£65,137	£65,137
Wirral	£0	£246,134	£246,134
Wokingham	£0	£54,903	£54,903
Wolverhampton	£0	£188,182	£188,182
Worcestershire	£250,217	£326,009	£576,226
York	£14,605	£100,047	£114,652
TOTAL	£10,450,000	£32,830,000	£43,280,000