

3. Background

- 3.1 The National Health Service Commissioning Board and Clinical Commissioning Groups (Responsibilities and Standing Rules) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 sets out CCGs' legal duties including:
- Duty to consider any request for a personal health budget.
 - Duty to inform people eligible of their right to ask for a personal health budget.
 - Duty to provide information, advice and support in relation to personal health budgets.
- 3.2 The Sustainability and Transformation Plans published in December 2015 states: "CCGs should work in partnership with stakeholders, for example; service users, Healthwatch, NHS and other providers, local authorities and third sector organisations, to identify where personal health budgets would be most beneficial for their diverse local population and what the pace of their local implementation should be. CCGs will need to ensure they have given due regard to legal duties for equality and health inequalities".
- 3.3 With the introduction of Integrated Personal Commissioning (IPC), Sutton CCG recognised a new voluntary approach to blending health and social care funding for individuals with health and social care needs. Therefore this work will require Sutton Council and Sutton CCG to work in partnership with voluntary and charitable organisations, providing access to systems; 'lessons learnt' and supporting each other to respond to the requirements of the PHB agenda, IPC and the Care Act. Additional information can also be found via the following link:
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/143983/Direct-payments-for-healthcare-consultation.pdf

4. Issues

- 4.1 The Local Offer identifies two groups of people for whom PHBs will be made available in the second half of 2016/2017, to pilot. This is for people with chronic pain who are attending the pain clinic and people with communication difficulties in receipt of speech and language therapy services.
- 4.2 The CCG have appointed a practitioner to develop the clinical processes for organising, agreeing and reviewing PHBs for Long-term Conditions, who will work closely with people requesting PHBs and their clinical teams.
- 4.3 At the centre of a PHB is a support plan, developed in partnership between the individual and/or their representative and their clinical NHS team. The support plan sets out the health and wellbeing outcomes and how the person's personal health budget will be spent to meet those outcomes.

5. Options Considered

Sutton CCG has considered the following options.

- 5.1 The expectation of NHS England is that PHBs will be made available to 1-2 people per 1000 of the registered CCG population by 2020 (Between 180-360 people for Sutton CCG). It is important to commence the roll out in line with the national agenda.
- 5.2 PHBs will be made available to the wider population in Sutton with Long-term Conditions but due to the considerable amount of infrastructure and procedural change this requires a phased roll out. Two specific groups of people have been identified for the initial delivery so that processes can be established and the offer will then be extended to other groups.
- 5.3 Not delivering a Local Offer for Personal Health Budgets is not an option.

6. Impacts and Implications

Financial

- 6.1 Money has been ring fenced in the Better Care Fund to deliver on PHBs for people with Long-term Conditions in 2016/2017. The total sum of money is £50,000.
- 6.2 The CCG will ensure that regular reviews are conducted with individuals to check that their PHB remains effective and the money is being used as agreed in their support plan. The frequency and intensity of monitoring will be determined and agreed on an individual basis and will be dependent on needs and any identified risks.

Legal

- 6.3 Sutton CCG has a legal duty to deliver Personal Health Budgets in line with the national agenda.

7. Appendices and Background Documents

Appendix Letter	Title
A	Personal Health Budgets Local Offer - April 2016

Background Documents
N/A

Audit Trail		
Version:	Final	Date: 23 November 2016
Consultation with other officers		
Officer	Comments Sought	Comments checked by
Finance	No	N/A
Legal	No	N/A
Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) required	No	N/A

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