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# Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) Grant Guidance 2004/05

## Summary

1. In 2004-05 CAMHS funding to councils will be increased substantially to reflect the Government's continuing commitment to radically improve the overall level of provision. The vision for CAMHS improvements is set out in *Improvement, Expansion and Reform: The Next Three Years Priorities and Planning Framework 2003 – 2006* ([www.publications.doh.gov.uk/planning2003-2006/index.htm](http://www.publications.doh.gov.uk/planning2003-2006/index.htm)) published in October 2002 and *Getting the right start: the national framework for children, young people and maternity services*, published in May 2003. This sets out the overall vision of achieving comprehensive CAMHS by 2006.
2. The total 2004-05 CAMHS Grant is £67M. Of this £60.5M is allocated directly to councils using the children's Formula Spending Share (FSS). The balance is used to fund specific projects and central initiatives as set out in paragraph 11. The £60.5M payable direct to councils (the "core" grant) represents an increase of about £16M above the amount allocated for 2003-04. This circular sets out the conditions attached to the core CAMHS Grant, and the individual councils' allocations. [A1]

## Background

3. The core CAMHS Grant of £60.5M in 2004-05 is given to Councils with Social Services Responsibilities (CSSRs) to enable them to carry forward their joint strategies with the NHS and other agencies to develop CAMHS. From 2004-05 the grant will be paid using Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003. Section 31 does not require a determination and allows any Minister to pay grant to any Local Authority, for any expenditure, with or without conditions attached. These funds are provided on 100% basis and are allocated on the basis of the children's FSS. This approach will result in funds being more accurately targeted at areas with the greatest need. All CSSRs will receive substantial increases in funding as a result of the additional £16M available in 2004-05.
4. CAMHS is one of the areas being examined as part of the Children's National Service Framework (NSF). The NSF emerging findings were published in April 2003. It includes practical guidance for improving the service and, for the first time, a description of what a comprehensive CAMHS should include. CSSRs should be aware and take account of these findings when planning the development of services using the CAMHS Grant. A summary description of a comprehensive service can be found at <http://www.publications.doh.gov.uk/nsf/children/emergingfindingschap7.htm>. This will be useful to local planners as a guide to identify which elements of CAMHS need to be provided or improved.

## Grant Conditions

5. The core grant should be used to improve CAMHS, in accordance with local needs and priorities, as set out in the local CAMHS Development Strategy.

6. The local CAMHS development strategy should outline how the increased resources will be dedicated to achieving the CAMHS Public Service Agreement (PSA) target:
  - Improve life outcomes of adults and children with mental health problems through year on year improvements in access to crisis and CAMHS services, and reduce the mortality rate from suicide and undetermined injury by at least 20% by 2010.
7. The Priorities and Planning Framework (2003-2006), issued to both the NHS and local authorities, set out the expectations and capacity assumptions underpinning the target. These are:
  - All CAMHS to provide a comprehensive service including mental health promotion and early intervention by 2006.
  - Increase CAMHS by at least 10 per cent each year across the service according to agreed local priorities. (Demonstrated by increased staffing, patient contacts and/or investment.)
8. Plans for spending the grant should be agreed between councils with social care services responsibilities (CSSRs), Primary care Trusts (PCTs), education and other partners. Local agencies should work in partnership at all levels of service planning and delivery. Joint commissioning arrangements and/or use of Health Act flexibilities should be used wherever possible.
9. Up to 5% of the grant may be spent on capital projects including the development of IT infrastructure and investment in the built environment.
10. Further expansion of the grant is anticipated through to 2006 and its use will continue to be determined by the Priorities and Planning Framework and the Local Delivery Plan guidance.
11. In addition to the £60.5M being distributed to CSSRs through the CAMHS Grant, other CAMHS funding is being distributed separately to councils or managed centrally:
  - £2.5M is being used to fund CAMHS Innovation Projects (Relevant CSSRs were informed of the details of this allocation in December 2003);
  - £3M is being spent on developing treatment foster care; and
  - £1M is being spent centrally in supporting the CAMHS Regional Development Workers.

## **Certification Requirements**

12. Councils with 3 stars for social services and 2 star councils with a Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) of 'excellent' will not be subject to auditor certification. The ratings applicable to this grant are those published in November / December 2003. All other councils in receipt of the grant will be subject to auditor certification, details of which will be sent to councils in March 2004.

## **Administrative Arrangements**

13. We shall write in April 2004 to CSSRs with the claim and outturn forms for 2004-05.
14. The spending freedoms for three star and some two star 'excellent' councils will apply to the CAMHS Grant. Councils with either three stars for social services or a Comprehensive Performance Assessment of excellent will have no conditions attached to their grant payment. Note that the basis of allocation is the same as for all other councils.

15. Payment will be made in May 2004 to all three star and excellent councils as a special grant under Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003; this has to be used to completely remove ring fencing. It is likely that a single special grant report will cover all or most grants to three star and excellent councils. Aspects of this special grant report, including all financial aspects, are subject to parliamentary approval and timetabling. [A2] Three star councils will be able to carry over all unspent grant money into the following year, and two star 'excellent' councils will be able to carry over 25% of the grant. While three star and excellent organisations are not required to follow the grant conditions outlined in this document much of the information and guidance is important and councils are encouraged to read this circular.

### Cancellation of circular

19. This circular should be cancelled on 1 April 2005. It replaces *circular Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) Grant Guidance 2003-04 (HSC2003/003; LAC(2003)2.)*

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**2004-05 CAMHS GRANT ALLOCATIONS**

Local authority	CAMHS 2004-05 allocation (£m)
Barking and Dagenham	0.382
Barnet	0.466
Barnsley	0.239
Bath & North East Somerset	0.130
Bedfordshire	0.310
Bexley	0.267
Birmingham	2.031
Blackburn with Darwen	0.220
Blackpool	0.193
Bolton	0.335
Bournemouth	0.179
Bracknell Forest	0.100
Bradford	0.721
Brent	0.658
Brighton & Hove	0.315
Bristol	0.551
Bromley	0.331
Buckinghamshire	0.338
Bury	0.202
Calderdale	0.222
Cambridgeshire	0.379
Camden	0.674
Cheshire	0.515
City of London	0.012
Cornwall	0.430
Coventry	0.440
Croydon	0.569
Cumbria	0.378
Darlington	0.107
Derby	0.293
Derbyshire	0.521
Devon	0.525
Doncaster	0.327
Dorset	0.257
Dudley	0.302
Durham	0.491
Ealing	0.633
East Riding of Yorkshire	0.196
East Sussex	0.452
Enfield	0.465
Essex	1.086
Gateshead	0.252
Gloucestershire	0.445
Greenwich	0.633
Hackney	0.995
Halton	0.192

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Hammersmith and Fulham	0.542
Hampshire	0.896
Haringey	0.663
Harrow	0.269
Hartlepool	0.124
Havering	0.222
Herefordshire	0.127
Hertfordshire	0.863
Hillingdon	0.327
Hounslow	0.399
Isle of Wight Council	0.139
Isles of Scilly	0.001
Islington	0.733
Kensington and Chelsea	0.436
Kent	1.226
Kingston upon Hull	0.397
Kingston upon Thames	0.166
Kirklees	0.437
Knowsley	0.345
Lambeth	1.037
Lancashire	1.121
Leeds	0.850
Leicester	0.484
Leicestershire	0.351
Lewisham	0.823
Lincolnshire	0.485
Liverpool	0.905
Luton	0.289
Manchester	0.990
Medway	0.265
Merton	0.291
Middlesborough	0.247
Milton Keynes	0.250
Newcastle upon Tyne	0.428
Newham	0.795
Norfolk	0.609
North East Lincolnshire	0.198
North Lincolnshire	0.139
North Somerset	0.140
North Tyneside	0.242
North Yorkshire	0.370
Northamptonshire	0.565
Northumberland	0.245
Nottingham	0.499
Nottinghamshire	0.604
Oldham	0.313
Oxfordshire	0.454
Peterborough	0.206
Plymouth	0.322
Poole	0.120
Portsmouth	0.277
Reading	0.201
Redbridge	0.333

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Redcar and Cleveland	0.182
Richmond upon Thames	0.177
Rochdale	0.313
Rotherham	0.285
Rutland	0.019
Salford	0.348
Sandwell	0.453
Sefton	0.363
Sheffield	0.631
Shropshire	0.184
Slough	0.203
Solihull	0.200
Somerset	0.360
South Gloucestershire	0.167
South Tyneside	0.242
Southampton	0.315
Southend-on-Sea	0.216
Southwark	1.021
St Helens	0.207
Staffordshire	0.570
Stockport	0.269
Stockton-on-Tees	0.222
Stoke-on-Trent	0.294
Suffolk	0.492
Sunderland	0.376
Surrey	0.756
Sutton	0.237
Swindon	0.165
Tameside	0.267
Telford and the Wrekin	0.184
Thurrock	0.180
Torbay	0.155
Tower Hamlets	1.006
Trafford	0.227
Wakefield	0.325
Walsall	0.341
Waltham Forest	0.506
Wandsworth	0.641
Warrington	0.172
Warwickshire	0.378
West Berkshire	0.095
West Sussex	0.566
Westminster	0.497
Wigan	0.307
Wiltshire	0.306
Windsor and Maidenhead	0.104
Wirral	0.467
Wokingham	0.078
Wolverhampton	0.376
Worcestershire	0.402
York	0.135
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60.50</b>

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