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Summary

1. In 2005-06, CAMHS funding to councils will again 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 the CAMHS Standard of the National Framework for Children, Young People and Maternity Services, (published in September 2004) as part of the Department for Education and Skills 'Every Child Matters: Change for Children' programme.
2. The total 2005-06 CAMHS Grant is £90.539M. Of this £84.789M is allocated directly to councils using the Children's Formula Spending Share (CFSS). The balance is used to fund specific projects and central initiatives as set out in paragraph 10. The £84.789M payable direct to councils (the "core" grant) represents an increase of £24.289M above the amount allocated for 2004-05, an increase of about 40 per cent. This circular sets the conditions attached to the core CAMHS Grant, and the individual councils' allocations (Annex 1).

Background

3. The core CAMHS Grant in 2005-06 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. The grant is paid under Section 7E of the Local Authorities Social Services Act 1970, as inserted by Section 50 of the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990. These funds are provided on 100 per cent basis and are allocated based on the CFSS. This continues our approach of funds being targeted at areas with the greatest need. All CSSRs will receive substantial increases in funding because of the additional funds available.
4. The Children's National Service Framework (NSF) published in September 2004, includes practical guidance for improving the service and a description of what a comprehensive CAMHS should include. CSSRs should be aware and take account of this publication when planning the development of services using the CAMHS Grant. A summary description of a comprehensive service can be found on the DH web site at: www.dh.gov.uk/PolicyAndGuidance/HealthAndSocialCareTopics/ChildrenServices/fs/en and then following the links to the CAMHS section of the Children's NSF. This description will be useful to local planners as a guide to identify which elements of CAMHS need to be provided or improved.
5. Some of the other areas CSSRs will wish to consider including in their development strategies will include mental health services for 16 and 17 year olds, children with learning disabilities, early intervention and promotion, and mental health services for children with complex needs.

Grant Conditions

6. 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.

7. The local CAMHS Development Strategy should show how the increased resources will be used to achieve the CAMHS Public Service Agreement (PSA) standard:

Improve life outcomes of children with mental health problems, by ensuring that all patients who need them have access to a comprehensive CAMHS.
8. Plans for spending the grant should be agreed between 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. In addition to the £84.789M being distributed to CSSRs through the core CAMHS Grant, other CAMHS funding is being allocated as follows:
 - £2.25m for the CAMHS Innovation Projects (relevant CSSRs were informed of the details of this allocation in December 2003);
 - £2.5m is retained centrally to fund initiatives to develop services in line with "Every Child Matters" and the Children's NSF (see paragraphs 11 *et seq* below); and
 - £1m to fund the National CAMHS Support Service (NCSS) whose team of Regional Development Workers liaise with local commissioners and providers to develop and improve services.

CAMHS Development Initiatives: New Funding

11. In addition to the core CAMHS Grant distributed direct to LAs, Councils are invited to submit bids to fund specific projects and initiatives to tackle areas of CAMH services which feature in the recently published Children's NSF. These are:
 - Services for 16 and 17 year olds
 - Services for young people with complex needs (including conduct disorder)
 - Services for children and young people with learning disabilities
 - Mental health promotion and early intervention
 - Culturally competent services for black and minority ethnic families and asylum seekersAll applications should address minority ethnic issues and demonstrate user involvement.
12. Funding will be available for both 2005/06 and 2006/07. It is anticipated that funding will only be sufficient to support a couple of projects within each of the above areas of service. Some of these areas of service development may be more suited to a bid comprising a consortium of LAs. Please note that only one bid per LA will be considered. Bids should be for a maximum of two years.
13. The bids for this funding will be assessed against the following criteria. They should:
 - relate to a service where there is evidence of effective outcomes;
 - have the agreement of the local CAMHS partnership;
 - be sustainable in the longer-term;
 - cover an area of service provision already identified in the local CAMHS strategy as requiring investment;
 - strengthen and develop an existing service, rather than develop a new one;
 - include plans for evaluation and dissemination of outcomes; and
 - have the support of the relevant CAMHS Regional Development Worker.

14. Application templates will be available from 4 January 2005. Those who wish to apply should contact Keith Escott (keith.escott@doh.gsi.gov.uk, 020 7972 4153) for a copy. The closing date for applications will be 7 February 2005, and we plan to advise LAs of the results by the end of February.

Certification Requirements

15. Councils with 3 stars for social services and 2 star councils with a Comprehensive Performance Assessment of 'excellent' will not be subject to auditor certification. The freedoms only apply to the "core" CAMHS grant. All other councils in receipt of the grant will be subject to auditor certification, details of which will be sent to councils in June 2005. The star ratings used will be those published in November 2004.

Administrative Arrangements

16. The Department will write in April 2005 to CSSRs with the claim and outturn forms for 2005-06.
17. The spending freedoms for three star councils and two star councils with a Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) of excellent will apply to the CAMHS Grant. Councils with either three stars for social services or two stars and a CPA 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.
18. Payment will be made to all three star and two star excellent councils as a special grant under section 88B of the Local Government Finance Act 1988; 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 two star excellent councils. Aspects of this special grant report, including all financial aspects, are subject to parliamentary approval and timetabling. 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 two star 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 2006. It replaces circular Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) Grant Guidance 2004-05 (HSC 2004/002; LAC(2004)2.)

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This circular has been issued by:

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On behalf of the DH / DfES Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service Project Board

ANNEX 1**2005-06 CAMHS GRANT ALLOCATIONS**

Local authority	CAMHS 2005-06 allocation (£m)
Barking and Dagenham	0.534
Barnet	0.658
Barnsley	0.336
Bath & North East Somerset	0.183
Bedfordshire	0.434
Bexley	0.371
Birmingham	2.834
Blackburn with Darwen	0.307
Blackpool	0.271
Bolton	0.468
Bournemouth	0.248
Bracknell Forest	0.140
Bradford	1.016
Brent	0.919
Brighton & Hove	0.443
Bristol	0.775
Bromley	0.463
Buckinghamshire	0.473
Bury	0.281
Calderdale	0.310
Cambridgeshire	0.539
Camden	0.958
Cheshire	0.720
City of London	0.018
Cornwall	0.601
Coventry	0.609
Croydon	0.795
Cumbria	0.527
Darlington	0.149
Derby	0.417
Derbyshire	0.731
Devon	0.736
Doncaster	0.454
Dorset	0.362
Dudley	0.419
Durham	0.685
Ealing	0.886
East Riding of Yorkshire	0.275
East Sussex	0.636
Enfield	0.649
Essex	1.521
Gateshead	0.349
Gloucestershire	0.623
Greenwich	0.901
Hackney	1.398
Halton	0.264
Hammersmith and Fulham	0.770
Hampshire	1.253
Haringey	0.927
Harrow	0.377
Hartlepool	0.174
Havering	0.312
Herefordshire	0.177
Hertfordshire	1.207
Hillingdon	0.458
Hounslow	0.553

Isle of Wight Council	0.196
Isles of Scilly	0.002
Islington	1.022
Kensington and Chelsea	0.659
Kent	1.711
Kingston upon Hull	0.552
Kingston upon Thames	0.232
Kirklees	0.613
Knowsley	0.474
Lambeth	1.460
Lancashire	1.566
Leeds	1.185
Leicester	0.674
Leicestershire	0.492
Lewisham	1.146
Lincolnshire	0.680
Liverpool	1.241
Luton	0.401
Manchester	1.397
Medway	0.365
Merton	0.406
Middlesbrough	0.347
Milton Keynes	0.351
Newcastle upon Tyne	0.606
Newham	1.101
Norfolk	0.854
North East Lincolnshire	0.274
North Lincolnshire	0.196
North Somerset	0.199
North Tyneside	0.336
North Yorkshire	0.518
Northamptonshire	0.792
Northumberland	0.342
Nottingham	0.700
Nottinghamshire	0.845
Oldham	0.436
Oxfordshire	0.637
Peterborough	0.287
Plymouth	0.450
Poole	0.167
Portsmouth	0.384
Reading	0.281
Redbridge	0.467
Redcar and Cleveland	0.251
Richmond upon Thames	0.254
Rochdale	0.434
Rotherham	0.397
Rutland	0.027
Salford	0.480
Sandwell	0.632
Sefton	0.493
Sheffield	0.879
Shropshire	0.258
Slough	0.278
Solihull	0.279
Somerset	0.504
South Gloucestershire	0.234
South Tyneside	0.333
Southampton	0.439
Southend-on-Sea	0.302
Southwark	1.462
St Helens	0.286
Staffordshire	0.794
Stockport	0.373

Stockton-on-Tees	0.321
Stoke-on-Trent	0.410
Suffolk	0.694
Sunderland	0.528
Surrey	1.063
Sutton	0.331
Swindon	0.231
Tameside	0.371
Telford and the Wrekin	0.257
Thurrock	0.253
Torbay	0.214
Tower Hamlets	1.414
Trafford	0.316
Wakefield	0.453
Walsall	0.475
Waltham Forest	0.704
Wandsworth	0.899
Warrington	0.239
Warwickshire	0.526
West Berkshire	0.133
West Sussex	0.785
Westminster	0.811
Wigan	0.428
Wiltshire	0.430
Windsor and Maidenhead	0.149
Wirral	0.644
Wokingham	0.109
Wolverhampton	0.525
Worcestershire	0.562
York	0.188
TOTAL	84.79