



Department of Health & Social Care

LOCAL AUTHORITY SOCIAL SERVICES LETTER

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To: The Director of Adults' Social Services

County Councils)
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 2019/20

SUMMARY

1. This letter clarifies local authority specific revenue funding for the financial year 2019/20, which was subject to the 2015 Spending Review. This includes information on the Local Reform and Community Voices, Social Care in Prisons and War Pensions Disregard grants. It also provides information on funding for the fifth year of Care Act implementation, which comes from a range of sources in 2019/20, 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 and Social Care local authority specific revenue funding.

SPECIFIC REVENUE FUNDING

Local Reform and Community Voices grant

3. The Department of Health and Social Care will make £34.41 million available through the Local Reform and Community Voices section 31 grant in 2019/20. A breakdown of the grant is shown in **Annex A**. Allocations are presented in **Annex B**. In 2019/20 this grant is comprised of the following funding streams:
 - 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 into the local government settlement in 2011/12.

Social Care in Prisons grant

5. The Department of Health and Social Care will make £10.95 million available through the Social Care in Prisons section 31 grant in 2019/20 (this makes up part of the Care Act funding covered in further detail below). Further grant details are 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.

War Pensions Scheme Disregard grant

8. The Department of Health and Social Care consulted in November 2016 about the allocation of new funding to disregard (for the purposes of social care charging) all payments made under the War Pension Scheme with the exception of Constant Attendance Allowance.
9. The consultation response was published in February 2017.
10. The table of 2019/20 allocations for £13 million is in **Annex B**. The War Pensions Scheme Disregard grant will be paid as a Department of Health and Social Care section 31 grant.

Care Act funding

11. Local authorities will receive £672.48 million for new burdens arising from the Care Act in 2019/20. This funding will be paid out as follows:
 - a. Department of Health and Social Care section 31 grant for social care in prisons (details above).

- b. Visible lines of funding in Core Spending Power paid out by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government¹:
 - i. Care Act: Funding Reform (including Deferred Payments) £259.26 million;
 - ii. Care Act: Carers etc £254.59 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 £147.68 million for support of carers under the Care Act (details below).

BETTER CARE FUND

Revenue funding

- 12. £171.76 million of revenue funding within the Better Care Fund is linked to a range of duties for local authorities in 2019/20. 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

- 13. £147.68 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. The Care Act sets out duties on local authorities with respect to carers.
- 14. Funding for other duties under the Care Act (e.g. advocacy, safeguarding) should be considered as included within core funding paid out by MHCLG, as set out above.

Independent Mental Health Advocacy (IMHA)

- 15. 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.
- 16. 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

¹ See *Core spending power: visible lines of funding* here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/core-spending-power-visible-lines-of-funding-2019-to-2020>

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.

ENQUIRIES

17. For further information on these allocations please contact:

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LASSL ANNEX A: SPECIFIC GRANT RESOURCES ALLOCATED BY DHSC IN 2019/20

Total national allocations, 2019/20	£ million
Revenue: Local Reform and Community Voices grant	34.41
Of which:	
Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards in Hospitals*	5.15
Local Healthwatch*	14.15
Independent NHS Complaints Advocacy Service	15.11
Revenue: Social Care in Prisons**	10.95
Revenue: War Pensions Scheme Disregard grant	13.00
Total local authority revenue grant resources	58.36

To note, all values apart from the War Pensions Scheme Disregard grant (which has its own time profile) have been uplifted by approximately 1.79% in 2019/20 in line with GDP growth².

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

** 2019/20 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> , version 29th October 2018.

LASSL ANNEX B: TABLE OF ALLOCATIONS IN 2019/20

The **Local Reform and Community Voices grant** is allocated using the Adult Social Care Relative Needs Formula and is comprised of the following policy lines, one of which has a minimum amount per local authority:

- additional funding for Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DOLS) in Hospitals (£5.15m);
- additional Local Healthwatch funding (£14.15m). The allocations for this have a minimum amount of £10,000 per local authority; and
- funding for Independent Complaints Advisory Services (£15.11m).

The allocations of the **Social Care in Prisons grant** are 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 2019/20 reflect prison populations at 30th June 2018 and first receptions for the year Q2 2017 to Q1 2018 inclusive, and are adjusted for certain planned reconfigurations.

The allocations of the **War Pensions Scheme Disregard grant** are as set out in the *‘Response to the consultation on allocating 2017-18 funding to disregard war pensions in social care financial assessments’*. Available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/war-pensions-in-social-care-financial-assessments> .The allocations for 2019/20 reflect War Pensioner populations at 31st March 2018.

The table reflects the new Dorset Unitary Authority (comprised of the area of the old Dorset County Council, excluding Christchurch District) and the new Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole Unitary Authority (comprised of the area of the old Bournemouth Council, Poole Council and Christchurch District). A grant-specific percentage of the allocation for the old Dorset County Council has been transferred to the new Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole Unitary Authority in agreement with the councils affected.

Local authority name	Local Reform and Community Voices 2019/20	Social Care in Prisons 2019/20	War Pensions Disregard Grant 2019/20
Barking and Dagenham	£130,841	£0	£9,738
Barnet	£207,423	£0	£14,653
Barnsley	£177,461	£0	£94,631
Bath and North East Somerset	£104,572	£0	£29,378

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Bedford	£88,961	£59,071	£18,199
Bexley	£133,034	£0	£19,622
Birmingham	£802,513	£201,562	£102,533
Blackburn with Darwen	£109,539	£0	£30,024
Blackpool	£129,496	£0	£98,188
Bolton	£199,200	£0	£52,610
Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole (new UA)	£250,468	£0	£132,306
Bracknell Forest	£51,851	£0	£15,151
Bradford	£329,186	£0	£67,878
Brent	£192,454	£0	£4,095
Brighton and Hove	£176,065	£0	£27,215
Bristol, City of	£290,662	£91,308	£50,652
Bromley	£170,590	£0	£23,629
Buckinghamshire	£239,497	£85,192	£55,474
Bury	£117,033	£0	£31,621
Calderdale	£131,922	£0	£31,263
Cambridgeshire	£333,033	£348,996	£116,641
Camden	£184,247	£0	£10,446
Central Bedfordshire	£124,092	£0	£28,732
Cheshire East	£207,874	£76,038	£58,415
Cheshire West and Chester	£210,250	£0	£97,310
City of London	£14,119	£0	£0
Cornwall	£400,287	£0	£358,260
County Durham	£404,441	£391,825	£289,896
Coventry	£222,264	£0	£40,974
Croydon	£200,809	£0	£20,263
Cumbria	£359,280	£16,455	£169,395
Darlington	£71,817	£0	£60,292
Derby	£164,588	£0	£44,501
Derbyshire	£519,787	£110,328	£170,753
Devon	£512,368	£313,169	£454,516
Doncaster	£216,364	£371,858	£133,369
Dorset (new UA)	£244,864	£214,237	£219,611
Dudley	£223,778	£0	£33,787
Ealing	£203,136	£0	£9,522
East Riding of Yorkshire	£207,205	£162,189	£130,744
East Sussex	£370,520	£97,938	£134,404
Enfield	£186,093	£0	£11,511
Essex	£848,253	£104,467	£221,233

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Gateshead	£162,398	£0	£101,338
Gloucestershire	£362,543	£0	£173,236
Greenwich	£190,627	£322,958	£22,164
Hackney	£201,335	£0	£7,646
Halton	£91,587	£0	£62,744
Hammersmith and Fulham	£131,603	£219,147	£13,950
Hampshire	£681,312	£99,769	£512,100
Haringey	£164,536	£0	£6,446
Harrow	£138,975	£0	£7,732
Hartlepool	£71,810	£0	£55,378
Havering	£144,112	£0	£18,198
Herefordshire, County of	£126,191	£0	£101,440
Hertfordshire	£592,455	£92,163	£90,637
Hillingdon	£149,188	£0	£17,460
Hounslow	£143,204	£22,393	£10,148
Isle of Wight	£109,826	£243,636	£64,760
Isles of Scilly	£11,069	£0	£1,865
Islington	£184,265	£203,802	£7,389
Kensington and Chelsea	£124,212	£0	£21,271
Kent	£883,352	£443,083	£337,501
Kingston upon Hull, City of	£208,205	£193,414	£88,063
Kingston upon Thames	£82,135	£0	£8,791
Kirklees	£266,518	£0	£68,555
Knowsley	£140,011	£0	£97,207
Lambeth	£216,226	£108,448	£14,601
Lancashire	£790,742	£518,594	£390,918
Leeds	£474,422	£233,768	£96,430
Leicester	£225,514	£39,017	£29,562
Leicestershire	£345,958	£108,652	£105,400
Lewisham	£196,015	£0	£13,840
Lincolnshire	£482,622	£168,147	£400,886
Liverpool	£423,750	£332,353	£253,840
Luton	£112,937	£0	£12,857
Manchester	£382,041	£127,924	£55,006
Medway	£142,993	£53,036	£60,098
Merton	£107,174	£0	£13,490
Middlesbrough	£108,611	£0	£54,573
Milton Keynes	£130,126	£93,008	£27,958
Newcastle upon Tyne	£215,066	£0	£112,419

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Newham	£210,422	£0	£9,001
Norfolk	£598,798	£347,445	£263,766
North East Lincolnshire	£111,731	£0	£47,143
North Lincolnshire	£109,038	£0	£61,734
North Somerset	£132,399	£0	£62,546
North Tyneside	£147,752	£0	£112,006
North Yorkshire	£347,298	£0	£211,715
Northamptonshire	£389,358	£200,885	£137,323
Northumberland	£218,022	£146,134	£157,931
Nottingham	£222,116	£149,445	£45,513
Nottinghamshire	£505,423	£324,408	£233,148
Oldham	£160,832	£0	£49,779
Oxfordshire	£328,376	£194,120	£108,371
Peterborough	£113,731	£170,348	£43,706
Plymouth	£184,010	£0	£366,938
Portsmouth	£127,595	£0	£82,989
Reading	£81,609	£0	£12,557
Redbridge	£159,918	£0	£10,637
Redcar and Cleveland	£103,207	£0	£70,000
Richmond upon Thames	£94,698	£0	£11,184
Rochdale	£158,826	£37,646	£52,062
Rotherham	£192,778	£0	£60,397
Rutland	£21,457	£82,166	£15,112
Salford	£188,820	£179,931	£50,145
Sandwell	£264,804	£0	£32,588
Sefton	£218,513	£0	£143,878
Sheffield	£387,660	£0	£73,008
Shropshire	£199,733	£41,636	£115,929
Slough	£73,864	£0	£5,718
Solihull	£124,720	£0	£25,249
Somerset	£357,898	£0	£269,538
South Gloucestershire	£133,991	£304,820	£42,130
South Tyneside	£131,155	£0	£118,902
Southampton	£158,974	£0	£36,463
Southend-on-Sea	£118,079	£0	£27,403
Southwark	£225,070	£0	£11,592
St. Helens	£137,976	£0	£68,919
Staffordshire	£507,558	£665,542	£163,067
Stockport	£183,883	£0	£39,797

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Stockton-on-Tees	£121,121	£135,089	£69,097
Stoke-on-Trent	£190,858	£0	£60,859
Suffolk	£467,353	£225,302	£184,581
Sunderland	£224,660	£0	£214,450
Surrey	£572,425	£427,551	£139,607
Sutton	£105,651	£0	£11,320
Swindon	£110,233	£0	£63,150
Tameside	£165,372	£0	£47,883
Telford and Wrekin	£110,955	£0	£77,310
Thurrock	£93,747	£0	£13,664
Torbay	£118,734	£0	£92,673
Tower Hamlets	£209,928	£0	£8,754
Trafford	£135,518	£0	£28,590
Wakefield	£236,281	£222,704	£101,366
Walsall	£205,178	£0	£37,168
Waltham Forest	£156,008	£0	£7,695
Wandsworth	£185,923	£282,246	£13,141
Warrington	£118,040	£139,348	£44,385
Warwickshire	£320,212	£0	£92,789
West Berkshire	£71,778	£0	£21,172
West Sussex	£473,380	£58,348	£151,062
Westminster	£189,607	£0	£11,436
Wigan	£228,163	£26,115	£89,431
Wiltshire	£261,242	£65,169	£316,388
Windsor and Maidenhead	£68,276	£0	£19,766
Wirral	£257,990	£0	£164,476
Wokingham	£57,546	£0	£14,305
Wolverhampton	£197,247	£0	£36,390
Worcestershire	£341,713	£241,401	£108,191
York	£104,866	£14,256	£47,685
Total	£34,410,000	£10,950,000	£13,000,000