

Special Grant to Social Services – Building Capacity

Following discussions with our partners in health across primary and secondary care we have developed the following proposals for use of the grant. The grant will be used for the types of activities identified on this summary. However the specific schemes and costs are illustrative at this stage and will be further developed within the total available funding.

	Dec 01/02	April 02/03
Home from Hospital	39,000	115,000

The aim will be to facilitate early discharge through provision of intensive support to users returning home after a spell in a hospital. Initial pilot of this project will be set up in Mid Bucks. They will liaise closely with the Hospital discharge co-ordinator, the Hospital social work team and the intermediate care team.

	Dec 01/02	April 02/03
Rapid Response Home Care	30,000	88,000

Aim will be to engage with users whose care may be in danger of breaking down due to them or their informal carers facing a crisis situation. The team will respond and provide support on a seven days per week basis from 7a.m. to 10p.m. They will work closely with the Emergency Duty team, hospital teams, GP's, and intermediate care teams.

	Dec 01/02	April 02/03
High Dependency in Sheltered Housing	29,000	86,000

To offer community based step up or step down to maintain people within the community to avert unnecessary hospital admission. The team will link very closely with intermediate care. Teams will be based within the sheltered schemes. Project piloted in Aylesbury and Chesham areas where there are ongoing negotiations with existing RSL's and District Councils.

	Dec 01/02	April 02/03
Falls Clinic	82,000	169,000

Falls preventions clinic will convert a significant number of inpatient emergency admissions to day care or outpatient interventions appropriately. It is expected to play an important role in preventing admission, and promoting independence. This scheme is in the north of the county as there is already a falls clinic supported by the Promoting Independence Grant (PIG) in the south of the county.

	Dec 01/02	April 02/03
Equipment	100,000	0

This will be a one off payment in order to ensure an adequate supply of equipment and to ensure easy and ready access, which will in turn facilitate early discharge or prevent admission to hospital. Although we are suggesting that this is one off if there is benefit in repeating this exercise next year it can be considered.

	Dec 01/02	April 02/03
Step Down Residential and Nursing Home Beds	120,000	312,000
Mid Bucks – 6 beds		
South Bucks – 6 beds		

These are additional beds that will increase capacity to move people from acute beds into nursing home beds while an assessment and rehabilitation is carried out as to their longer-term needs.

	Dec 01/02	April 02/03
South Bucks NHS Trust – Intermediate Care Weekend Cover	19,000	56,000
To enhance availability to this service over weekends, facilitating easy discharge or prevent admission to hospital.		

	Dec 01/02	April 02/03
Out of Hours Service – Stoke and Wycombe Hospitals	35,000	140,000
To enhance care management time out with usual hours to provide a service evenings and weekends to reduce delay in discharge and to prevent unnecessary admission.		

	Dec 01/02	April 02/03
Transferred unfunded schemes from Promoting Independence Grant (PIG)	102,000	0
These are schemes that meet the criteria of the building capacity grant, which will have a direct impact on discharges. . In the PIG submission we highlighted that some schemes may require to be delayed unless other Health or Local Authority funding was made available. Please refer to the Promoting Independence Grant submission 2001/02. It would be hoped in future years if they require ongoing funding it will come from PIG 2002/03 or be integrated into mainstream funding. .		

	Dec 01/02	April 02/03
Balance to be funded from Promoting Independence Grant (or increased allocation of Capacity grant)	0	-253,000

As above.

	Dec 01/02	April 02/03
Additional Placements/Dom Care/Transport	157,000	0

It is considered that Social Care Services in Buckinghamshire are inadequately funded, by the Government, despite the Council budget spend 20.6% more than SSA. In the summer Social Care budgets were forecast to be heading for an overspend. The Council's Cabinet found this unacceptable and this eventually led to a decision to reduce budgets in a number of areas, including OP Care Purchasing.

Summary

The range of both community and residential provision as outlined above make a significant impact on the level of delayed discharges. However there are other influences such as the expected budget pressures that will significantly increase delayed discharges in 2002/03. The Councils current budget modelling falls significantly short of our projected spending pressures.

We would intend that these proposals would reduce delayed discharges by 4 or 5 per month, totalling a reduction of 23 discharges, which should mean that we reach the 25% target by the agreed timescale by March 2002.

	Dec 01/02	April 02/03
Total Building Capacity Bid	713,000	713,000

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