
ADAPTING TO THE FUTURE

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Audit Scotland's report Adapting to the Future issued during August 2004 resulted in 22 recommendations being made subject to the following headings:
- Person Centred Services;
 - How are services organised;
 - Planning and performance monitoring; and
 - Managing risks.
- 1.2 These recommendations are being progressed in partnership with the NHS, now NHS Highland, via the Joint Implementation Group (JIG) and thereafter to the Joint Health and Care Partnership. It should be noted that a full review of service delivery by AGE Ltd was commissioned by the JIG during October 2005 in order to progress the agenda. The initial draft of the report was presented to the JIG on 27th April 2006.
- 1.3 The Audit Committee of 30th March 2007 noted the report of the 6th March and requested that the following issues be the subject of a report presented to the Audit Committee of June 2007.
1. In review of the redundancies associated with the Single Status Exercise, could a project manager not be appointed from within existing staffing levels to minimise costs on the basis that the service is under funded ?
 2. What are the costs associated with the areas of progress identified within paragraphs 3.1 to 3.4 of the submitted report ?
 3. Will NHS also be contributing to the roll out to other areas identified within the report as was the case in Oban?

2. RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS NOTED IN 1.3.

2.1

Question1:

The costs of the Project Manager were progressed as part of a part funded proposal presented to the Scottish Executive in relation to the progress of three specific items:

- Part funding of further development of Telecare services.
- Part funding of further development of Telehealth agenda within the Community Health Partnership.
- Part funding of appointment of Project Manager for Occupational Therapy and Rehabilitation services.

The funding secured from the Executive was £70,976 and an equivalent was found within the Joint Health and Social Care Strategic Partnership with both partners providing £35,488.25.

The council contribution of £35,388.25 was provided via non recurring resource release funds and had no impact on recurring service delivery issues. Therefore total funding obtained is approximately £177,341.

The decision to fund the Project Manager in this way was a joint decision approved by the Health and Care Partnership which recognised that the skills required for the post were not available within the existing staff Occupational Therapy staff group and that existing managers did not have the work capacity required to develop the agenda appropriately. The latter has been an issue of concern for a considerable period of time and is a significant factor in explaining our lack of progress in this area of work.

Question2:

Additional non recurring spend as part of the Delayed Discharge agenda:

Mid Argyll, Kintyre & Islay: £8,489.50

Oban, Lorn & Isles: £3559.24

Cowal & Bute: £14,611.53

Helensburgh & Lomond: £13,655.43

Total: £40,315.70

Note Oban etc expenditure is low as it benefits from having an appropriate cleaning and re-cycling scheme thus reducing the requirement to purchase new equipment when required urgently

Additional Spend relating to storage:

Mid Argyll, Kintyre & Islay: £45k invested in new storage in Campbeltown from council's capital budget. Ongoing revenue costs will be met by NHS.

Oban, Lorn & Isles: £16k per annum to provide cleaning (includes staff costs). Revenue costs are met by Resource Release funds and as service is located within the general hospital and consequently fuel costs are met by NHS.

Cowal: £11,500 to provide storage and technician. Revenue costs are met by Resource Release funds.

Question 3:

As can be seen from the figures above, the NHS already contribute to costs directly via the provision of accommodation and/or services are funded via Resource Release from the NHS.

All service proposal relating to adult care services, including Occupational Therapy, are jointly planned and funded within the Joint Health and Care Partnership framework. It is envisaged that during 2007/08 the Occupational Therapy services will be fully integrated with the NHS and that the Community Health Partnership will be delegated full management responsibility for the service.

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