

Funding for Social Care

NIC welcomes the recent budget announcement concerning the proposed increase in Government funding for social care. According to the table available at: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/598281/170309_1330_ASC_allocations_summary_-_values_2_.xlsx just released by Government, Norfolk can be expected to receive:

	2017-18 Additional funding for adult social care announced at Budget 2017	2018-19 Additional funding for adult social care announced at Budget 2017	2019-20 Additional funding for adult social care announced at Budget 2017
Local authority			
Norfolk	£18,561,418	£11,901,414	£5,903,436

We will be meeting with Norfolk County Council next week in an attempt to seek confirmation that the sums set out above will be spent, in their entirety, on social care, and will press for confirmation of the split between care home and home care funding increases. We will also ask the all-important question of 'when?'

Whilst this is a long overdue shot in the arm we must ensure this money is directed into supporting providers to better support service users. No dilution will be acceptable....'

Dennis Bacon
Chair

Supplementary funding to the improved Better Care Fund

1. At the 2017-18 Budget announcement a total of £2.021 was announced as supplementary funding to the improved Better Care Fund (iBCF). This is to be distributed as £1.01 billion in 2017-18, £674 million in 2018-19 and £337 million in 2019-20.

2. Recognising that all local authorities face pressure on the provision of adult social care, in each year 10% of the total supplementary funding is allocated by the Relative Needs Formula used for the 2017-18 Adult Social Care Support Grant ("the RNF methodology").

3. In each year the remaining 90% of the supplementary funding is added to the existing iBCF funding and the total allocated using the iBCF methodology. Namely:

i. It is assumed that all local authorities use the full ASC precept flexibility in all years as was calculated in December 2015 and published with the Local Government Finance Settlement 2016-17, which was 2% in all years.

ii. The sum of the England total of this calculation of potential ASC precept and the England total of additional funding (iBCF funding and supplementary iBCF funding) is considered for the distribution of the improved Better Care Fund. The sum of these two elements (social care precept and total iBCF funding) is notionally distributed across local authorities so that the combined amount follows the adult social care RNF.

- iii. The first stage of calculating the iBCF allocation is the amount by which this RNF share of total available resources exceeds a local authority's potential receipts from the ASC precept.
- iv. A minority of local authorities¹ are already able to raise an amount of ASC precept exceeding their hypothetical RNF allocation of the total funding available for adult social care calculated in (ii). This would lead to a negative figure in (iii). These local authorities receive no share of the iBCF distribution of the additional funding.
- v. To reflect this change in the total resources available, the figures calculated in (iii) are scaled down for the remainder of the local authorities.

4. as an exemplification for 2017-18:

- vi. The supplementary funding to the iBCF is £1.01 billion.
- vii. Each local authority will receive their share of 10% of this distributed by RNF.
- viii. The total iBCF for 2017-18 was £105 million. 90% of the supplementary funding (£909 million) is added to this £105 million for a total of £1.014 billion. This amount is distributed using the iBCF methodology.
- ix. Each local authority therefore receives the sum of their figures calculated in (vii) and (viii).

Norwich Older People's Forum is joining with Age UK Norwich to hold another of its successful neighbourhood meetings on:

Tuesday 21st March between 10.15am and 1.30pm 30pm at
Catton Grove Community Centre, Jewson Road, Norwich, NR3 3RQ

There is parking available at the Centre but if you will be travelling there by bus, First Bus numbers 36, 36B, 37, 38 & 39 travel along Aylsham Road and numbers 21, 21A & 22 travel along Catton Grove Road. You can see the exact location of Community Centre by clicking on this link to their website: <http://www.cattongrovecentre.org/map.html>

Refreshments will be available on arrival and a light lunch will be served later.

As always, everyone is most welcome, but Norwich Older People's Forum is particularly keen for older people living in or around Catton Grove to attend. You will be able to try out some fun activities like Zumba Gold and New Age Kurling and there will be a slipper exchange so bring your old pair along and swap them for a new pair. There will also be speakers talking about issues that are of interest to older people in Norwich.

You do not need to book a place or let anyone know you will be attending, just turn up if you can and please feel free to tell your friends and neighbours about the events.

It may be possible to arrange transport to this event. Please call Bob at Age UK Norwich on 01603 496323 for details.

Mental Health Carers Forum

Feedback and Norfolk and Suffolk Foundation Trust (NSFT) are working in partnership with Great Yarmouth & Waveney MIND and Suffolk Family Carers to host a Mental Health Carers Forum on the theme of loneliness and its relationship to mental health.

We are hoping to have talks on anxiety, depression, psychosis, dementia, drugs & alcohol, love and relationships and caring and loneliness. Feedback will also be giving a talk / presentation on our 'Communities Embracing Mental Health' Project in Waveney, working with local businesses to make our communities more inclusive. We would like to work with local partners to extend this to Great Yarmouth in the near future.

This is an invite to the In Good Company: Loneliness and Mental Health Carers Forum, to be held on Friday 31st March 2017 at the:

Kings Centre
30 Queen Anne's Road
Great Yarmouth
Norfolk
NR31 0LE

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There is plenty of free parking available at the venue.

There will be a marketplace for organisations and support groups to interact and promote their services with people attending the forum. Please contact myself or Howard if you would like to have a stall and/or display information about your services and the support you offer.

You are welcome to come for the whole day or drop in for a talk or two and/or visit to the marketplace. An updated invite with a timetable of talks will be issued closer to the event.

East Norfolk Provider Forum

East Norfolk Provider Forum takes place as follows:-21st March 9.30 – 12.00 at The Kings Centre, Great Yarmouth.