NHS Herts Valleys Clinical Commissioning Group





Appendix 1

Agreement between Herts Valleys CCG (HVCCG), East and North Herts CCG (ENHCCG) and Hertfordshire County Council (HCC)

HVCCG are currently consulting with HCC regarding the proposal to cease funding of Nascot Lawn. This is in line with Regulation 23 of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 (SI 2013 No. 218). Should the decision be made by HVCCG to cease funding, this agreement will come into effect on a pro rata basis once both CCGs cease funding of Nascot Lawn.

The two Hertfordshire CCGs and the County Council have agreed three shared priorities in relation to children and young people. These shared priorities are also reflected in the Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2016-2020.

- Early childhood
- 0-25 integration for children and young people with additional needs
- Emotional wellbeing and mental health transformation

The partners are looking to achieve a position whereby all children in Hertfordshire who have been assessed as requiring an overnight short break (OSB) service are able to access their local OSB setting. In order to achieve this objective HVCCG will provide HCC with £100,000 per annum to support OSBs for children and young people with complex health needs. East and North Herts CCG will also match this agreement. The application or not of annual inflation is to be agreed by the partners.

It is anticipated that most children with complex health needs will have their needs met by trained carers who are part of the team that staff the OSB settings. This will be confirmed by health assessments which will identify any specific or additional training needs. Training for carers can be accessed from a range of providers, including the Aiming High Teams from Hertfordshire Community Trust for Herts Valleys children and East and North Hertfordshire NHS trust for children in East and North Herts. Partners will work towards delivering a more consistent offer moving forward.

A small number of children may require additional health care in order to be able to access their local OSB setting. In such cases the child will need to be referred for a Children and Young People's Continuing Care (CYPCC) assessment and be presented at the CYPCC panel. The panel will consider any request for additional 'top up' funding or support. At present both CCGs have their own CYPCC Panel at which the Local Authority is represented.

It is not anticipated that children will receive OSB out of county other than in exceptional circumstances. Any such request will relate to a child who meets eligibility for CYPCC, and the request will be considered by the CYPCC panel. The agreement of any out of county placements will not impact on the financial arrangement above.



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¹ The panel process confirms if a child meets eligibility for children and young people's continuing care as set out in the DH guidelines 2016.' The assessment of the level of need must recognise that where a child or young person requires constant supervision or care which is largely provided by family members, there will be a need for professional support to allow the family time off from their caring responsibilities, and this may require a social care assessment, and agreement, between the CCG and the local authority (which is usually the commissioner of respite care), of the respective contribution.' P26 (137)