

CABINET

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TRANSFORMING CARE CAPITAL GRANT

Report of the Director for People

Strategic Aim:	Reaching our Full Potential	
Key Decision: Yes	Forward Plan Reference: FP/181017	
Exempt Information	No	
Cabinet Member(s) Responsible:	Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health	
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DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That Cabinet:

1. Approves the recommendation to accept a £394,000 Capital Grant made available from NHS England to enable people with learning disabilities from Rutland to live in Rutland.
2. Approves the delegation for the acceptance of the terms of conditions of the grant to the Director for People, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health.

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 NHS England announced in May 2017 the availability of a Capital Grant under Transforming Care. Local Authorities (LA's) could bid to purchase properties within their own borders for people with challenging behaviors.
- 1.2 The following report seeks approval to accept a £394,000 Capital Grant allocated to Rutland County Council (RCC) for this purpose by NHS England.

2 BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- 2.1 The Transforming Care programme is based on the assumption that children, young people and adults with a learning disability and/or autism with behaviours described as challenging have the right to live satisfying and valued lives, and to be treated with dignity and respect. They should have a home within their community, be able to develop and maintain relationships, and get the support they need for a life that is healthy, safe and rewarding.
- 2.2 RCC has been unable to provide local accommodation for young people with complex and challenging behaviours. We currently have 4 young people between the ages of 18-26 years old who have been placed in "out of county" provisions as far out as Gloucester and South Yorkshire. We also have young people with complex needs coming through transitions that will need specialist placement.
- 2.3 Although, these young people are already in community residential settings they are adults with a learning disability and/or autism and/or mental health issues who are likely to be at risk of becoming inpatients. RCC wants to provide suitable and safe housing which continues to offer these young people community based living, but within their own areas and community.
- 2.4 On this basis a business case developed and a bid submitted to NHS England for £394,000 for the acquisition of two new properties within Rutland, including legal fees and any potential works required for adapting a property. Based on current local market value £300,000 was requested for two flats with two bedrooms. A further £94,000 was also requested for legal fees and for the properties to be converted into two separate appropriately equipped units, with the space for a separate area for care provider workers. This local provision will enable some of our most vulnerable people to live closer to their families and be supported by our integrated health and social care teams. The Council will own the properties but their use will be subject to terms and conditions of the grant. As there are out of county people with learning disabilities wanting to come back to Rutland, as well as a number coming through transitions who will qualify for the Transforming Care assistance, the risks of accepting the grant against the grant terms and conditions are minimal. However any implications arising from the terms and conditions will be assessed prior to the formal acceptance by the Director for People, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health.

3 CONSULTATION

- 3.1 There is no need to consult as there is no change in policy and people won't be adversely affected by the acceptance of the capital monies.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 Not to accept the capital grant maintaining our current spot purchasing for out of county placements. This is an inefficient method of providing care to the most vulnerable in society and the most expensive. To have our own provision will enable people to be in their birth county with their family and friends. It will also enable Adult Social Care to utilise its own recourses where appropriate giving further savings in the cost of care.
- 4.2 A recent review by Consultancy Quality Assured Projects commissioned by the Peoples Directorate to review external placements of this type concluded the council should look at setting up its own provision in county to save on the large costs inherent with out of county placements.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The purchase of the properties including any fees and adaptation will be met from the capital grant and therefore there is capital funding requirement placed on the Council.
- 5.2 There is the potential for revenue savings generated through this development, although the level of saving is dependent on the client and care package commissioned around the residents of the properties. This will be monitored and reviewed to identify possible future savings options through the expansion f this type of provision.

6 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 As per para 6.6 of Finance Procedure Rules “if the Council receives grant funding from Government or other sources, then acceptance of the terms of conditions is the responsibility of Cabinet unless, in the cases of emergency/short notice, the Council would be at risk of losing funding”.
- 6.2 As the funding offer has not been officially confirmed and the terms and conditions have not been received, delegated authority is being requested.

7 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 Equality Impact Screening has been completed. The proposal promotes equality across the council population as all are eligible for the service. No adverse or other significant issues were found.

8 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no community safety implications.

9 HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 Enable the most vulnerable adults from Rutland to remain in Rutland close to their families and friends.

10 CONCLUSION AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 That the Council accepts the grant available from NHS England to increase local options for local people, preventing individuals becoming / remaining inpatients or out of county placements.
- 10.2 Costly packages of support which are out of county and difficult to monitor on daily basis would be reduced and better supported by close working partnerships, families, assistive technology and specialist in house services.

11 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 11.1 There are no additional background papers to the report.

12 APPENDICES

- 12.1 None

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