

Reference: FOI 30179 BUCKS 14Y

Subject: S117 Mental Health

I can confirm that the CCG does hold some of information requested; please see responses below:

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>1. How many requests for S117 funding did your organisation receive in the three financial years – 2016/2017, 2017/2018, and 2018/2019 to date;</p>	<p>Requests are not received by the organisation, people are eligible for s117 aftercare as a result of detainment under a qualifying section of the mental health act and identified need for care and support.</p>
<p>2. How many in each year were a) approved in line with the financial cost submitted? b) approved for a different level of financial cost? c) not approved or the requests were not pursued further in the absence of additional information requested to consider the request?</p>	<p>Information not available in this format.</p>
<p>3. What local arrangements do your CCG have in place with relevant Local Authorities for agreeing the joint funding of costs relating to appropriate and agreed after care costs due under S117 Mental Health Act?</p>	<p>Joint agreement / protocol in place between the two organisations Aligned budget in place since July 2017</p>
<p>4. How are the financial contributions of the respective organisations determined? Are respective contributions determined on an individual service user basis or are they determined in accordance with a general agreement on respective funding shares?</p>	<p>Funding of s117 aftercare is agreed on a general cost share agreement, reviewed annually</p>

<p>5. If funding is determined with reference to a general agreement on financial shares, what proportion is paid by the CCG and what proportion is paid by the Local Authority?</p>	<p>Currently Local Authority 54% CCG 46% although this is reviewed on an annual basis.</p>
<p>6. If funding is determined on a case by case basis by what process are the respective shares determined?</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>7. If the respective shares have been agreed on a general basis, by what process were the respective shares determined and what factors were taken into consideration?</p>	<p>The percentages split was agreed based upon the value of each individual organisations total spend on s117 aftercare at the point of the introduction of the aligned budget in July 2017.</p>
<p>8. Can you please forward copies of any Local Agreement or Policy which outlines the process and respective shares?</p>	<p>Please see attached PDF. We have redacted some information as the CCG considers the information exempt under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).</p> <p>We are not obliged, under Section 40(2) of the FOIA, to provide information that is the personal information of another person if releasing would contravene any of the principles set out in article 5 of the GDPR. In this instance we believe that the release of this information would contravene the first principle and therefore Section 40(2) is engaged.</p> <p>This document is currently under review.</p>
<p>9. If there is a local agreement in place, when is this next due for review;</p>	<p>Due for review in 19/20</p>
<p>10. What processes do you have in place for reviewing the ongoing appropriateness and need for ongoing S117 after care funding?</p>	<p>Provision of S117 aftercare funding is the joint responsibility of health and social care. People's care will be reviewed on an individual needs basis.</p>

11. How many S117 payments have ceased during the three financial years – 2016/2017, 2017/2018, and 2018/2019 to date?	16/17 - No data available. Joint Funding commenced July 17 17/18 – 21 packages ended (persons deceased) 18/19 – 20 packages ended (persons deceased)
12. How many of these, in each of the three years, were due to the service user no longer being deemed eligible or needing after care support.	0

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 2 April 2019, and has been authorised for release by Robert Majilton, Deputy Chief Officer and Director of Sustainability & Transformation for NHS Buckinghamshire CCG.