

Policy Circular

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1.0 Background

Some Local Authorities may have arrangements with the NHS body where all finances are held together so where a need is identified this can be provided with funding from this central resource. These arrangements are known as pooled budgets.

2.0 Policy

The Local Authority must input QSS to at least the value of the threshold sum, over and above any input from the Health Authority to the package.

Where the Local Authority (LA) have a Pooled Budget with the NHS body it will be necessary for the ILF to ascertain whether the LA are contributing QSS to at least the value of the threshold sum, separately to those that are funded from Health.

A user will not be eligible for ILF funding where the threshold sum is made up partly of funding from the Health Authority (HA) budget.

Independent Living Fund

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If cases are discovered where Health Authority monies from a pooled budget had contributed to the LA threshold sum negotiations will be required so the LA input increases accordingly. Any overpayment of the grant should be pursued in the normal way.

Where input from the Health Authority replaces part of the existing LA/ILF package, the LA must maintain their input in line with policy, Maintaining LA Input.

3.0 Procedure

Where the LA funding is taken from a Pooled budget the LA must provide information to the Funds demonstrating that there is a minimum contribution in respect of QSS to the value of the threshold sum coming solely from their finances.

There are two possible ways of identifying how much money within a package funded through a Pooled Budget can be attributed to the LA. The LA and HA may have determined what percentage of a users needs relate to social care and what percentage are health care needs. For example the user may have social care needs that make up 40% of his or her overall requirements. In this case when considering the overall costs of the package 40% of these must equal at least the threshold sum.

Examples

- **Care package costs a total of £530**
It is identified that the individual's care needs are 35% Social and 65% Health. This would not be acceptable as the LA contribution equates to only **£185.50**
- **Care package costs a total of £625**
It is identified that the individuals care needs are 55% Social and 45% Health. This would be acceptable as the LA contribution equates to **£343.75**.

In some circumstances the LA may not be able to provide this information. In this case it will be necessary to establish what the percentage contribution is between the two parties to the overall pooled budget. If for example both parties contribute an even 50%

towards the budget it will be necessary to calculate that based on the overall cost of the package and the percentage input that the LA are inputting at least the threshold sum. However, it must be established that the Local Authority threshold sum has been met by the provision of QSS and it cannot include health care.

Examples

- **Pooled Budget contribution - LA 50% HA 50%**
Overall package = £620
Not acceptable as LA financial input only £310 and the user originally applied after April 2008
- **Pooled Budget contribution – LA 40% HA 60%**
Overall package = £900
Acceptable as LA financial input is £360

It is the responsibility of the LA to provide adequate information to the Funds about how the care package is broken down and to demonstrate that there is a net input of QSS to at least the threshold sum amount being contributed from the LA budget.

4.0 Source

ILF 2006 Trust Deed
SMT meeting-02/02/2004
Trustees 9 June 2010

5.0 Cross References

Maintaining LA Input Policy
Increase Requests policy

6.0 History Date Reviewed

25 March 2008
10 June 2010

Equality Impact Assessment

Screening Template

This preliminary impact assessment form is to help you screen your policy, project, function or new service. It should help you consider whether a full Equality Impact Assessment is required by looking at whether there is a potential negative or positive impact on any of the equality groups, if there is an opportunity to promote equality, and whether further data is needed.

Title of policy, project, function or service:

Health Authority Funding

Short description of aims and objectives

This policy describes how the ILF will deal with cases where there is a mixture of funding from both the local Authority and the Health Authority

Thinking about each group below, does (or could) the policy, project, service or function have an impact on members of each equality group? If so, how?

Equality Group	Yes – negatively	Yes – positively	Unclear	No impact
Age	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Disability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Race	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Transgender	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sexual orientation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Religion or belief	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Socio-economic groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

What information or research has been considered in judging these impacts?

This policy would be applied to all users who have funding from a mixture of sources and is in place to ensure that all Local authorities meet the threshold sum requirements of the ILF.

You should consider a full Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) if:

- (a) you feel one or more equality groups will be negatively impacted by the policy, project or service, or
- (b) there is an opportunity to promote equality and eradicate discrimination.

You may also consider further research if it is unclear, at this stage, what the impact may be.

Based on your findings, is a full EIA required?

Yes

No

Please provide a short summary of your decision-making below:

This policy applies to all situations where Health authority funding is in place alongside LA funding and is in place to ensure all users are subject to the LA threshold sum policy irrespective of other circumstances.

Notes:

- The completed EIA Screening Template should be sent to Jon Duckworth, User Liaison Manager for approval by the Equality Impact Assessment Board (EIAB).
- We will contact you with any comments or queries about the completed form.

**This form was
completed by:**

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