

**SUMMARY OF KEY WORK STREAM PROGRESS**

<b>Work stream</b>	<b>Progress</b>	<b>April 2015 requirement</b>	<b>April 2016 requirement</b>	<b>Added value measure</b>
Social Care Funding Reform	Draft pathway and referral process identified and agreed with partners for Independent Financial Advice which will be in place for April 2015. Briefings taken place for staff within team meetings by Learning and Development Team.	✓		✓
	Initial planning work completed around responding to the consultation on the draft regulations and guidance for Phase 2 – February and March.		✓	
Eligibility	New eligibility policy and procedural guidelines for staff produced to ensure that practice is legally compliant. Training sessions devised and delivered to all assessor staff through February and March. Further sessions to be run in April to pick up any staff who have not had the training.	✓		
Assessment & Support Planning	Work completed to ensure compliance to the law. Further work is planned for 2015 – 16 to develop self-assessment and on-line assessment / support planning options. Assessment and support planning training being planned for delivery later in 2015 by Learning and Development Team.	✓		✓
Direct Payments	Work progressing to develop pre-payment card options for people to be able to better manage their Direct Payment and for the council to be able to monitor their expenditure remotely in keeping with the proportionate responses required by the Care Act. A tender exercise for the procurement of a pre-payment card system has been completed and the evaluation is taking place. Go live with the new offer is planned for June 2015.			✓
	Further work is continuing to develop a menu of options for			

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	people who do not wish to have their Direct Payment in the form of a pre-payment card			✓
Resource Allocation	<p>Work is taking place to ensure that existing arrangements for calculating the amount of the Personal Budget for adults with care and support needs is compliant with the law. A new Resource Allocation System (RAS) is planned to be introduced to the social care records system (IAS) later in the year following further validation work. A manual version will be available for use until then.</p> <p>A new RAS for calculating the Personal Budget for carers with eligible needs has been developed to complement the new assessment and eligibility tools on IAS. This is being tested through a pilot project working with existing carers in receipt of council services, reassessing their eligibility using the new framework ready for mainstreaming in April.</p>	✓		✓
Service User Finance	A revised charging policy is being developed and will be operational from 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2015.	✓		
	Officers are finalising the arrangements for the Deferred Payments Scheme (revised in line with the new Care Act requirements) – specifically around calculating the charges that will be applied.	✓		
	Briefings for staff on financial changes are being delivered by Learning and Development colleagues through team meetings.	✓	✓	
Communications	A communications plan for the programme has been developed and aligned to the Department of Health radio and leaflet publicity campaign which is currently underway.	✓	✓	✓
Learning and Development	A staff training programme across social care and finance has been developed. Key sessions have been delivered re carers and eligibility. Full staff briefings held in January 2015 were well attended. Care Act champions have been identified in	✓	✓	✓

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Work force development	The initial modelling work has been refined and resulted in the work force requirements for the additional duties in 2015 /16 being scoped. Approximately 60 additional staff will be required. Recruitment is underway.	√		
Carers	Following on from early work completed in 2014, the programme has refined the support for carers and co-produced (with carers) a new assessment tool and Resource Allocation System. The carers' pilot project is currently testing the validity of this and will report back by the end of March 2015. Carers respite services have been re-procured and will be in place by September 2015. In order to ensure that carers remain supported, the existing arrangements for providing respite services to carers who have eligible needs will continue up to the point when the new arrangements become operational. Training sessions devised and delivered to all assessor staff through February and March. Further sessions to be run in April to pick up any staff who have not had the training.	√		√
Prisons	Agreement was reached with NHS partners, Prisons Service, Leicester City Council and Rutland County Council for a consistent approach to custodial settings across LLR. Arrangements are in place for assessing prisoners and final negotiations are taking place with NHS commissioners and providers about the co-commissioning and charging of care and support services for prisoners. Joint training sessions for prison and social care staff being delivered by LCC Learning and Development colleagues across the three (LLR) authorities.	√		

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Advice and Information	Officers have been working with the on-line services project (Digital by Default) and throughout the business to improve the content of our information offer. From 1 <sup>st</sup> April improved advice and information offer will be made available via the new website with the Adult Social Care and Health pages being the first to appear on the new council site.	√		
Support and learning for implementation	<p>Departmental officers and members have attended regional events</p> <p>Assistant Directors and the Programme Lead attend regular regional meetings</p> <p>Officers attend monthly national County Council Network Care Act forums in London</p> <p>Opportunities for joint working and joint production with other councils have been explored and implemented where possible such as joint working in prisons (Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland)</p> <p>Good use of learning and resources from beyond the Council has been made e.g. the use of programme resources issued by the Department of Health, Skills for Care And the Social Care Institute for Excellence.</p>	√	√	√