

Financial Observations – Deprivation of Liberty Additional Resources

In October 2014, delegated decision 1688 approved £0.174m of council resources to fund additional pressures in relation to DoLS work. Subsequently, on 30 March 2015 confirmation has been received through the Department of Health (DoH) that a non-recurrent grant contribution of £0.165m will be made available in 2015/16 to support local authorities towards the cost of DoLS.

The impact of these proposals and funding available in **2015/16** is detailed in **Table 1** below.

TABLE 1 - DEPRIVATION OF LIBERTY ADDITIONAL RESOURCES (2015/16 IMPACT)				
Post	No. of Posts FTE	Grade	Estimated Period	2015/16 Budget Requirement £
DoLS Grant Funding Available				(165,330)
Social Worker	2	G	8 months	43,570
Social Worker	4	G	4 months	43,570
Travel Costs / Non pay				1,350
Total Cost				88,490
Balance of Grant Funding				(76,840)

It is proposed that the balance of grant funding as identified in Table 1 above is used to meet the cost of the posts already approved as part of delegated decision 1688. This will release funding of £76,840 that will be earmarked for any further investment in DoLS resource, in year pressures within Adult Social Care or support the delivery of existing or further savings requirements.

The full year implications of this decision from **2016/17** are shown in **Table 2**.

TABLE 2 - DEPRIVATION OF LIBERTY ADDITIONAL RESOURCES (2016/17 IMPACT)			
Post	No. of Posts FTE	Grade	2016/17 Budget Requirement £
Social Worker *	6	G	196,070
Travel Costs / Non pay			2,760
Total Cost			198,830

*Costs are at 2015/16 salary levels and in line with Nottingham City Council budget principles.

As detailed in these proposals by the report author, further funding arrangements are being considered by central government to support the resulting cost to local authorities of the significant increase in DoLS applications over the last year. Should funding continue at the current level of **£165,330**, a budget shortfall of **£33,500** will occur. Management are aware of this risk and any funding deficit will be managed within the overall adult social care budget through vacancy management processes with approvals taken through the appropriate decision making process. Any costs resulting from vacancy management actions must also be considered and managed by the service.

The value of this decision is deemed the full year cost of these roles as detailed in **Table 2**.

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