

Liaison Mental Health (LMH) Update (1)

23rd December 2016

The Yorkshire & the Humber Clinical Network has compiled the following update to assist Providers and Commissioners with the LMH Transformation Funding bidding process. We will issue a further update early in the New Year. Updates and information will be available on our website [here](#).

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Overview of Transformation Funding for Urgent and Emergency Liaison Mental Health Services

Following the publication of the *Five Year Forward View for Mental Health (MH5YFV)* in February 2016 and the 2015 Autumn Government Spending Review, NHS England has established a **transformation fund to improve urgent & emergency liaison mental health services for adults and older adults in acute hospitals.**

The fund supports the ambition in the MH5YFV that **by 2020/21 at least 50% of acute hospitals with 24/7 A&E departments have liaison services that meet the core 24 standard for adults and older adults.** The fund also supports the vision for the overall transformation of urgent & emergency mental health care so that by 2021, there is **a 7 day NHS for mental health crisis response.**

Bids for **Wave 1** of the funding – £15m in 2017/18 and £15m in 2018/19 – **are now invited from A&E Delivery Boards.**

Proposals must demonstrate how acute hospitals will achieve and sustain the 'Core 24' standard of services for people in emergency departments and general inpatient wards. Bids should be submitted by A&E Delivery Boards via STPs to regional Urgent and Emergency Care PMOs. For the North this is via email to england.ae-north@nhs.net copied to england.adultMH@nhs.net, **before 5pm on Wednesday 18 January 2017.**

New [implementation guidance for urgent and emergency mental health liaison in acute hospitals](#) is

now available, and will support the development of applications.

Additional information on the fund is available below:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/mentalhealth/adults/crisis-and-acute-care/transformation-funding/>

- [Call to bid document](#)
- [The application form](#)
- [Implementation guidance for urgent and emergency mental health liaison in acute hospitals](#)

Frequently Asked Questions

A number of questions have been submitted to the National Team. The questions submitted by the Network are available to review [here](#) and answers from the national team are available [here](#).

Following are answers to some questions, which have been frequently asked:

Q: Clarification is requested regarding STP Involvement.

A: From the central finance team:

- NHSE physically needs to receive the bids from STPs. This can either be from the STP lead (who has to sign the application form anyway) or delegated person within the STP. A pragmatic view to the submission of bids will need to be taken by the STPs – it is highly unlikely that there will be time to go through full STP governance processes – this is where the delegated responsibility and alignment to the STP should be used.
- Bids can be prepared by individual organisations within an STP on behalf of the STPs e.g. by CCG, TCP, Alliance etc.
- STPs should be supportive of the bid and the relevant STP details inserted into the application form STP boxes.
- There are no rules about how many bids an STP can submit e.g. more than one CCG could submit via the same STP
- There is no rule that the bids must be on an STP footprint e.g. if the geography of a CCG overlaps STPs the CCG can choose which STP to bid through; similarly with Alliances etc. a lead STP should submit.

To ensure a timely process we would suggest that a delegated person from the STPs be involved in the drafting of the bid application and direct submission to us, rather than requiring the bid to be taken through the formal STP governance.

Q: Can services already at Core 24 / Comprehensive put in a bid?

A: Yes, the National Team will consider each bid on its own merits, but please note that services not yet at Core 24 will be prioritised.

Q: When will Wave 2 (2018/19) be launched, and is it possible to apply for that now?

A: Wave 2 will be launched in Autumn 2017 with similar timescales. Section 4(i) of the application form asks the respondent to 'Please state if you have a preference to receive transformation funding in 2017/18 or 2018/19, and state the reason for this preference'.

Q: If the total of the bids submitted exceeds the funding available then will fewer bids be funded in full, or will bids be scaled down?

A: This is not yet known and will be dependent on the number and value of bids received. It will be a decision to be made by the NHS England Investment Committee.

Q: More guidance is required regarding the work force requirements of a Core 24 service?

A: Refer to section 3.4.1 (pages 18 & 19) of the "[Implementing the Evidence-based Treatment Pathway for Urgent and Emergency Liaison Mental Health Services for Adults and Older Adults – Guidance](#)". This is an illustrative guide and each bid will be taken on its own merit, with consideration given to the demand on the service.

Q: Other Transformation funds have a later deadline, is there any flexibility in this case?

A: The deadline is 5pm on 18th January 2017. The bids then need to be assured by the regional Urgent & Emergency Care PMO by 27th January.

Q: What is the age range of the service?

A: 18+

Q: What is the rationale for not including Children & Young People (CYP)?

A: The evidence base for CYP is not as developed as for adults and older people, where there is strong evidence. Guidance for Crisis & Liaison for CYP will be released in the next couple of weeks.

Additional Information

Please note the following:

- A **National Webinar** was held on 20th December. The slide pack contains useful additional information and context and is available [here](#).
- The Webinar was also recorded and can be accessed via the following link: <https://healthsector.webex.com/healthsector/ldr.php?RCID=8cdea36b03500d23cab5b3b8cf894f0a>
- A further webinar will be held on Tues 10 Jan 15:00-16:00.
- The notes and slides from the **Yorkshire and the Humber LMH Meeting** on 9th December are available [here](#).
- There are plans for a **North Region LMH Event** in April 2017 once the outcome of the bidding process is known. Further details will follow when they become available.
- The Y&H LMH Network is considering whether it would be beneficial to convene a meeting prior to the North Region meeting. If you have a view, [please get in touch](#).

Key Dates

- **National Webinar** - Tuesday 10th January 15:00-16:00.
Email england.uecdeliverypmo@nhs.net to be added to the circulation list for an invitation.
- **Deadline for Final Submission of Bid** – Wednesday 18th January 17:00.

Contacts

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Please note that bidders can also contact the national programme for further information:
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