**Extra Help to Prevent a Crisis: Children and Young People with a Learning Disability or Autism and Behaviours that Challenge including Mental Health Needs**

**Applications: January 2021 to 31st March 2021**

**Purpose**

The pandemic has placed extra pressures on children who have a learning disability or autism and behaviours that challenge (including mental health needs), and on their families. Many may be unable to attend their normal educational setting and maintain essential routines. **Between now and the end of March 2021 (subject to finite budget), East Berkshire CCG is making available small grants of funding which can be accessed through health or social care for children with a learning disability or autism who are at increased risk of a crisis leading to a break down in care and potential admission to hospital for mental health needs.**

Applications for a **maximum total of £1,000 per child** can be made by any of the Local Authorities or CCGs in Berkshire or by Berkshire Healthcare NHS Trust.

Funding **can be used to provide additional breaks for family carers, for equipment, accessing therapies or activities, or other innovative approaches which will help to sustain stability**. This should be in addition to normal levels of support from health and social care.

**Who is eligible?**

Children or young people must be under the age of 26 and must be:

* the commissioning responsibility of Berkshire East CCG, Bracknell Forest Council, Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead Council, or Slough Council
* have a learning disability or autism and challenging behaviour (including mental health needs)
* experiencing an escalation of challenges that cannot be supported within the usual flexibilities of their support package, or family carers are struggling to cope due to the additional pressures of the pandemic

**How much money and for how long?**

Maximum of £1,000 per child. Must be used before 31st March 2021

**What can the funding be used for?**

* Additional breaks for family carers
* Technology or equipment
* Therapeutic input (eg music, art, animal)
* Other options will be considered if they can be reasonably expected to help reduce the risk of a crisis due to an escalation in challenging needs and we encourage creative solutions

**How to Apply for funding**

Please email the completed form **(which should not contain any identifying information)**, to:

**Berkshire East:** **baswamccgs.fundingrequests@nhs.net** **and copy to:** **Ann.Nursey@nhs.net**

We aim to respond within 2 working days.

**Invoicing**

Once agreed, the commissioning organisation responsible for the individual will need to arrange payment to the provider and invoice for reimbursement by **sending invoices to**:

**NHS East Berkshire CCG, 15D PAYABLES M457, XXJFULLWOODXX, Phoenix House, Topcliffe Lane, Wakefield, West Yorkshire, WF3 1WE. The CTR identifier must be referenced – this will be allocated by the CCG when funding is approved.**

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**APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING**

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| **N.B. Personal identification information must NOT be entered on this form. PLEASE CREATE AN ANONYMOUS IDENTIFIER SO THAT YOU CAN TRACK THIS FORM IN ANY CONVERSATIONS** |
| **Date of application** |  |
| **Current age (must be under 26)** |  | **Gender** | M/F | **Primary needs** | LD/Autism/LD & Autism |
| **Anonymous Identifier (see top of form)** |  |
| **CTR Identifier (added by CCG after form is submitted)** |  |
| **Responsible Local Authority** |  |
| **Person making this application – contact details** |  |
| **Current situation including reason for application** |  |
| **Proposed use of additional funding and rationale** |  |
| **How much total funding is requested (max £1,000 per child/young person)** |  |

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