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Dear Graham Duncan

Adult Social Care Precept and Additional Funding for Social Care 2017/2018

In reply to your letter of 5th April 2017 I am writing to confirm that Sefton Council has increased its council tax to fund adult social care services in 2017/2018.

Sefton Council's council tax (Adult Social Care element) has increased by 3.00% in 2017/2018.

I am also writing to certify that Sefton Council will use the additional 2017/2018 funding for adult social care (as announced in the Spring Budget 2017) to fund adult social care services.

I have completed the table in the spreadsheet attached (*S151 Return*), comparing the changes in adult social care budgets (including overhead and running costs) with those of other non-ring-fenced/non-statutory services, including and excluding the precept and the additional Budget funding for adult social care.

I certify that the authority will use the funding above 2% to improve the way social care services are delivered in my area, and have set out below how we propose to do so.

- Home First is the mechanism to deliver discharge to assess from our acute settings. For Sefton this means a change in our model of assisted discharge and respect for a trusted assessment and moving Social Work assessment to the community. As this is a new initiative it will be subject to ongoing evaluation and review but at this point we are receiving very positive feedback from both of our trusts and hope that this will improve Service User experience and outcomes at some of the most difficult times that they face as an individual or family.
- Resource availability to support rising demand and ability to ensure fees paid to providers reflect increased cost pressures due to rise in the National Living Wage
- Continued investment into Community Equipment to ensure continued good response time to aid hospital discharge
- Resources being made available for the Crisis Response Team and an Intermediate Care facility
- Maintenance of support to Voluntary Sector
- Maintenance of social work resource supporting discharge from the Acute Trusts

- Increase in support in relation to Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards
- Support the home care and residential provider market to increase sustainability and improve quality

Yours sincerely



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