

UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS BIRMINGHAM NHS FOUNDATION TRUST
REPORT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THURSDAY 25 JULY 2013

Title:	BIRMINGHAM & THE BLACK COUNTRY COMPREHENSIVE LOCAL RESEARCH NETWORK (BBC CLRN) FUNDING ALLOCATIONS 2013/14	
Responsible Director:	Tim Jones, Executive Director of Delivery	
Contact:	Theresa Morton, CLRN Senior Manager (Extension number 2843)	
Purpose:	<p>The purpose of this paper is to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. inform the Board of Directors of the process through which the allocation of CLRN funding to CLRN Member Organisations has been made for 2013/14 2. request authorisation of payments in line with these allocations. 	
Confidentiality Level & Reason:	None	
Annual Plan Ref:	Aim 4: Research and Innovation - To ensure UHB is a leader of research and innovation	
Key Issues Summary:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. UHB hosts Birmingham & the Black Country CLRN and is responsible for the management of CLRN funding (£9,594,000) in line with an agreement between UHB and the Secretary of State. 2. Funding has been allocated to cover UHB's costs of hosting the CLRN and employing the CLRN Management Team. 3. Funding has also been allocated to the CLRN Member Organisations using a combination of an activity based funding model and an open application process. 4. Authorisation of the Board of Directors is required in order to make payments in line with the allocations. 	
Recommendations:	<p>The Board of Directors is asked to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. APPROVE expenditure of CLRN funding with minor amendments up to £100,000. 	
Approved by:	Tim Jones	16 July 2013

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PRESENTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF DELIVERY

1. Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to inform the Board of Directors of the process through which Birmingham & the Black Country Comprehensive Local Research Network's (BBC CLRN) funding has been allocated and to request authorisation of payments in line with these allocations.

2. Background

2.1 The Trust is host to Birmingham & the Black Country CLRN under an Agreement with the Department of Health which expires on 31st March 2014. As host, the Trust has responsibility for managing the CLRN's funding.

2.2 The CLRN has a main budget of £9,280,866 for 2013/14. This is divided into hosting costs, management costs and delivery funding. An additional £313,134 is provided in Research Capability Funding.

3. Allocations of funding

3.1 Hosting the CLRN is a cost-neutral activity. The host costs have been set by UHB's finance department in line with NIHR guidance.

3.2 Management costs constitute the pay and nonpay costs associated with employing the CLRN management team, including an honorarium to the CLRN Board Chair and sessional payments to members of the CLRN Executive Group. These allocations have been made in line with NIHR guidance.

3.3 Delivery funding is used to cover the NHS service support costs associated with delivering NIHR non-commercial Portfolio studies, including Research Management and Governance (RM&G) activities.

3.3.1 The CLRN's model for allocating service support funding has been developed in full consultation with the CLRN's Board. It is primarily an activity based funding (ABF) model, whereby each Member Organisation receives an amount of funding proportional to their contribution of patient recruitment during the previous ABF year. A further £1million of 'Strategic Funding' has been allocated via an open application process.

3.3.2 The RM&G element is costed using an activity based model which has been developed by RM&G managers within Member Organisations, which takes into account study complexity and the delivery of RM&G activities as stipulated by the NIHR.

3.3.3 It is intended that any funding that becomes available in-year will be used as further Strategic Funding, and invitations to apply for this will be circulated across the CLRN.

3.4 The allocations to each organisation are presented in Appendix I. These allocations have been made with the support and agreement of the NIHR CCRN Coordinating Centre. All Member Organisations have submitted a clear plan of expenditure in line with these allocations.

3.5 The Board of Directors is asked to approve expenditure of the CLRN budget in line with these allocations, with minor amendments of up to £100,000 to allow for unanticipated variations required by the NIHR.

4. **Summary**

This paper outlines the aspects of CLRN funding for which the Trust is responsible and requests expenditure of the CLRN's budget in line with allocations approved by the NIHR.

5. **Recommendations:**

The Board of Directors is asked to:

APPROVE expenditure of CLRN funding with minor amendments up to £100,000.

Tim Jones
Executive Director of Delivery

Appendix I

BBC CLRN Funding Allocations 2013/14

Member Organisation	Host Supporting Cost	Management Cost	Service Support Funding (Main Allocation & Strategic Funding)	Research Management & Governance	Total
Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust	0	0	270,784	11,533	282,317
Birmingham Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	0	0	752,065	18,049	770,114
Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Trust	0	0	126,093	0	126,093
Birmingham Women's NHS Foundation Trust	0	0	617,183	12,898	630,081
Black Country Partnership NHS Foundation Trust	0	0	46,111	0	46,111
Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust	0	0	71,238	0	71,238
Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust	0	7,927	1,342,624	52,653	1,403,204
Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust	0	0	664,400	61,571	725,971
The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust	0	0	407,998	31,238	439,236
The Royal Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	0	0	238,548	12,445	250,993
Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust	0	0	90,523	20,431	110,954
University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust	98,497	332,622	2,663,997	384,572	3,479,688
Primary Care - University of Birmingham	0	0	1,258,001	0	1,258,001
Total	98,497	340,549	8,549,565	605,390	9,594,000

The total summarises the BBC CLRN funding flowing to each Member Organisation. This includes allocations for NIHR Local Research Networks which are hosted by the Member Organisations.