

## **CORE OFFER BUDGET FOR ADULT PAYMENTS AND INCOME INCLUDING DIRECT PAYMENTS TO PERSONAL BUDGET COSTS**

### **WHY DOES THE COUNCIL HAVE TO PROVIDE THIS SERVICE AND WHAT DOES IT NEED TO COVER?**

This budget represents the cost of paying providers and individuals, via a Direct Payment, to support their personal care and support need and the monitoring of the direct payment accounts.

### **HOW DOES THE CORE OFFER BUDGET MEET THE COUNCIL'S OBLIGATIONS?**

This budget employs two payments and income officers who make payments to all Residential, Nursing, Day Care and Domiciliary providers, and two Direct Payment Officers who make payment to both Adults and Children's direct payment users. There are currently 557 Direct Payment users and 174 providers. Payments are made every 4 weeks.

Invoices are raised to individuals on a four weekly basis for their assessed contribution towards their person care and support needs.

The two Direct Payment Officers monitor individual direct payment returns and have recovered £250k from individuals direct payment contingencies.

### **DOES THIS DIFFER FROM THE CURRENT SERVICE?**

No

### **WHAT IS THE CORE BUDGET MADE UP OF?**

**2019/20 budget £127,279**