



How Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership (AHSCP) spends its money

As you may be aware AHSCP has been undertaking an Aberdeenshire wide consultation, to give people the opportunity to have a say in formulating their future strategy and how they spend their budget. As part of that consultation they held a number of drop in sessions across Aberdeenshire to give people an opportunity to have their say in person.

I attended the event in Aboyne and found it very interesting. In particular, they were displaying a graphic which explained how each £100 of their budget is currently spent, the information from which I thought it would be useful to share as I assume, like me, most people have no idea!

This is where each £100 of the budget went in the 23/24 financial year...

Area/Service	Spend	Budget
Community Hospitals (of which there are 9)	£5.50	£20,840,000
Public Dental Service/Joint Equipment Centre/Public Health Service	£1.20	£4,371,000
Primary Care (GP)	£11.90	£44,085,000
Prescribing (cost of prescribed medicines)	£13.50	£49,989,000
Drug and Alcohol Services	£1.00	£3,708,000
Hosted Services (Pan Grampian Services such as GMED, Prison Healthcare, Sexual Health Services and Heart Failure services)	£5.20	£19,262,000
Adult Community Care (community based services delivered to adults under 65)	£20.60	£76,251,000
Residential Care Service (In House Care Homes and Very Sheltered Housing)	£5.50	£20,840,000
Allied Health Professionals (Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy etc)	£4.00	£15,021,000
Nursing incl Health Visiting, Community Nursing and Schools	£4.70	£17,770,000

Older Adult Care Management (Placements at care homes and contributions towards free personal care)	£16.50	£61,192,000
Community Mental Health Services	£5.40	£19,828,000
Support Services (Admin costs, rent, heating and lighting of community hospitals)	£5.00	£18,614,000

The key takeaways for me were how little is spent on Primary Care as a percentage of the total. Less than 12% of the budget on a sector that delivers around 90% of the clinical patient contact in the NHS across Aberdeenshire.

I was also struck by the fact that there was an overspend on prescribed medications of over £3.5m!

Presumably, that was offset by underspends or budget reductions elsewhere, but that information wasn't available on the day.

At the end of the day, this is just information, but we feel it is information that people should be aware of.

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