

What is the Transformation Fund?

As part of the devolution agreement, from April 2016, Greater Manchester took control of £6bn of public money to look after and pay for its own health and social care throughout the region. It means that decisions are no longer made in Whitehall but right here in Greater Manchester instead.

Several organisations in Greater Manchester, agreed with NHS England that a new Transformation Fund of £450m should be established to help us make all the changes we need to make to dramatically improve health and social care in Manchester and make sure we can afford everything we will need to look after our population in the future.

Organisations such as the NHS and the Council in different areas (localities) of Greater Manchester have to work together with local people and the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector to come up with plans that we have to agree to before they can have any of the Transformation Fund money. Other 'themes' can apply as well if they think they can make a big difference with the money, for example, helping the people of Greater Manchester quit smoking.

Although we will allocate most of the money in 2017/2018 it will be spread out over the next five years so no area will get it all at once and they will have to tell us how their plans are going before they get the next amount of money.

We anticipate the amounts of Transformation Funding will be spread out as follows:

- Year 1 (2016/17): £60m
- Year 2 (2017/18): £120m
- Year 3 (2018/19): £153m
- Year 4 (2019/20): £70m
- Year 5 (2020/21): £48m

How do localities, themes and programmes apply?

For localities, all applications to the Transformation Fund must have a strong Locality Plan, which sets out their plans and that all local organisations such as the NHS and the council are signed up to.

Localities have been developing their plans since June 2015 to make sure they are going to work, are practical and whether the money that they need matches up to the planned work. There won't be any more transformation money after 2021 so all the plans must become 'business as usual' by then.

For themes and other programmes of work such as encouraging the people of Greater Manchester to quit smoking, applications must have a comprehensive and inclusive transformation plan.

How have bids been decided?

Assessment of proposals from both localities, as well as themes and other programmes, is undertaken by an independent team internal to the Partnership and approved by several external boards. Members of the boards come from health and social care organisations

across Greater Manchester to make sure enough people know where the Transformation Fund money is being allocated.

What is the assessment criteria for bids?

The criteria for Transformation Funding have been set as follows.

Bids must:

- Align to Greater Manchester Strategy
- Be able to deliver the plans straight away
- Demonstrate effective working with other organisations and people
- Make sure the money adds up
- Be able to develop more once the Transformation Funding runs out

Criteria for the Transformation Fund

Alignment to Greater Manchester Strategy

- Applications must show that they link to the Greater Manchester transformation initiatives in both its strategy and vision as well how the plan is designed
- This will include creating a link between the programme and wider Greater Manchester outcomes and explain how the plan will improve the localities financial situation

Be able to deliver the plan straight away

- The application will need to demonstrate that it is ready to be delivered, including:
 - Making sure a project management team is in place
 - The local system can deliver on its plans
 - Specific parts of the plan, such as target patient groups, have been identified.

Working with other organisations and people

- Applications need to show they are working with other organisations and people by:
 - Having formal sign-offs and agreements with all parties
 - Evidence of working together
 - Evidence of talking to patients/service users

Make sure the money adds up

- Applications need to show that they demonstrate the Transformation Funding will help the locality's financial position over the long term.
- There should eventually be a return on investment

Be able to develop more when the Transformation Funding runs out

- The applications will need to show they can be replicated and are thought through by:
 - Having an evaluation system in place
 - Identifying a way to share learning and things that are working well

After Transformation Funding has been awarded how will it be monitored and assessed?

For each application that has funding agreed an investment agreement will be developed, which will make sure spending and targets are met to make sure the required transformation happens.