Support and Delivery Funding and Activity Based Funding formula 2017/18 – overview

This is a high level summary of the outcome of discussions at the NHS Delivery Board in relation to Support and Delivery Funding for 2017/18.

NATIONAL SUPPORT AND DELIVERY FUNDING is funding that has been ring-fenced for specific purposes.

- Clinical Research Time Award and Specialty Lead Scheme
- HealthWise Wales Incentive
- Health and Care Research Wales Support Centre
- In order to comply with TUPE processes and for a smooth transition of the delivery staff to NHS organisations (previously known as research workforce) – there are also legacy non-staff costs that are funded in 17/18.

LOCAL SUPPORT AND DELIVERY FUNDING is funding that is issued via ABF to NHS organisations.

The main changes are

- Two funding streams rather than three streams – Delivery and Development
- Total amount to go into the local support and delivery formula is split 60% for delivery and 40% for development.
- RS&G and Heads of Research Delivery salaries known as core funding, retained at the same level as 2016/17 for each NHS organisation and has become part of the delivery funding stream.
- 1% of budget has been top sliced for incentivising commercial research (inclusion criteria: studies recruiting to time and target, with a per patient fee of more than £1000).
- To adopt the revised England ratios for study complexity (1 – large sample, 3.5 observational, 11 – interventional (with a final decision to be made by Welsh Government subject to modelling outcomes).
- No changes to RS&PD but now called Development.

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£1.2m has been allocated to support the Research for Patient and Public Benefit Scheme.

For the purposes of comparison, the table below outlines the funding changes between 2016/17 and 2017/18.