

Funding for Healthcare – Inequalities in the East Midlands

Public expenditure data¹ published by HM Treasury in July 2014 show that health spending (both in total and per head) in the East Midlands during 2012/13 was some way below the average for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

2012/13	£ Health/head	Health/head, indexed
North East	2,150	111
North West	2,127	110
Yorks and Humber	1,972	102
East Midlands	1,850	96
West Midlands	1,937	100
East	1,737	90
London	2,019	104
South East	1,731	89
South West	1,803	93
England	1,912	99
Scotland	2,115	109
Wales	1,954	101
Northern Ireland	2,109	109
UK identifiable expenditure	1,937	100

Looking at the current financial year and ahead to 2015/16, CCG Programme Budget Baseline Allocations show that:

- Allocations per head for the East Midlands in 2013/14 are lower than the England average. A similar disparity will continue through to 2015/16.

CCG Allocations per head

	2013/14 (£)	2014/15 (£)	2015/16 (£)
East Midlands	1,085	1,104	1,119
England average	1,115	1,133	1,147

- There is wide variation in the extent to which funding allocated to local health bodies differs from 'target allocations' that are based on relative need.
- CCGs which make up the Leicestershire & Lincolnshire Area Team are collectively expected to be -2.40% below their target allocations in 2014/15, and this pattern will continue into 2015/16 unless a new approach is adopted.
- In Northamptonshire; NHS Nene CCG is -6.99% below target and NHS Corby CCG is -11.32% below.

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/public-expenditure-statistical-analyses-2014>

- The Midlands and East area is further below its target allocation than anywhere else in 2014/15, and will continue to be so in 2015/16.

In order to achieve a more equitable distribution of funding both within and for the region - the Department of Health and NHS England should move more quickly towards allocations that are based on relative need.