

In July 2014 the Scottish Government launched the Integrated Care Fund. This fund relates to adult care and support services and is intended to support the delivery of improved outcomes from health and social care integration and help drive the shift of care towards prevention and tackling inequalities.

The ICF will only be available for 1 year (2015/2016). The amount of funding allocated to North Ayrshire through his fund is £2.89 million.

The fund will support partnerships to focus on prevention, early intervention and care and support for people with complex and multiple conditions, particularly in those areas where multi-morbidity is common in adults under 65, as well as in older people.

The ICF guidance makes it clear that this fund cannot be used as an extension of Reshaping Care for Older People Change Fund. The 6 principles outlined in the guidance for the ICF:

- Co-production
- Sustainability
- Locality
- Leverage
- Involvement
- Outcomes

The Health and Social Care in North Ayrshire have agreed an approach of how the ICF will be used to ensure the ICF process meets the following objectives:

1. Enable partnership redesign
2. Continue Reshaping Care for Older People Change Fund initiatives that would benefit a wider population
3. Provide an opportunity for innovation and creativity.

The third and independent sectors were asked to develop the process for the innovation and creativity initiatives and will hold the budget set aside for this part of the ICF for any projects / services provided by organisations within these sectors.

Below is a link that will take you to a form that can be submitted with ideas for the innovation and creativity part of the budget.

We will particularly welcome idea that will help to address health inequalities across North Ayrshire.

If you wish your idea to be considered for funding from this budget please ensure you project / service meets the criteria set out and submit you application to [morven.buckby@arrancvs.org.uk](mailto:morven.buckby@arrancvs.org.uk) before the 26<sup>th</sup> of November.

Your proposal will then be looked at by representatives from the SPG and if it is felt to meet the priorities of NA you will be requested to submit a full application for funding. It is important that you indicate the neighbourhood / locality that will benefit from your idea on the form

If you have any questions regarding this process please feel free to contact Morven Buckby on the above e-mail address or alternatively by telephone: 01770 600909.