

REPORT TO THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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Better Care Fund Plan 2016/17

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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide the Board with an update on contents of the Better Care Fund Plan for 2016/17 along with a copy of the final draft plan submitted on the 21 March 2016 for assurance.

2. Recommendations

2.1 Health and Wellbeing Board members are asked to:-

- Note the contents of the report along with the Better Care Fund Planning Submission Template and supporting narrative and agree that any amendments to the plan as a result of the assurance process be agreed and signed off by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board.

3. Introduction/ Background

3.1 The Better Care Fund 2016/17

3.2 Following confirmation during late 2015 that the BCF would continue into 2016/17, the Department of Health and Department for Communities and Local Government published the '2016/17 Better Care Fund' Policy Framework in December 2015. This was followed by more detailed planning guidance on 24 February 2016.

3.3 Alongside the guidance, the Better Care Fund allocations were also published. As anticipated the total minimum requirement for the fund is at a similar level to 2015/16. The total value of the fund in 2016/17 will be £20,594k (£20,374k in 2015/16). £2,331k of this is provided from grants made directly to the Local Authority for Disabilities Facilities and the remaining £18,358k is provided from the CCG baseline allocation.

- 3.4 The BCF policy framework and guidance included details of proposed changes including the introduction of two new national conditions and the removal of the mandatory requirement for a payment for performance framework based upon delivery of the target to reduce emergency admissions. The two new national standards are:
- Investment in NHS Commissioned out-of-hospital services
 - Agreement of a local action plan to reduce delayed transfers of care (DTOC) and improve patient flow
- 3.5 The Board approved the proposed approach to BCF planning and the proposal to roll forward the 2015/16 Plan as appropriate at the meeting on 5 April 2016. This approach was proposed to allow the BCF to continue into 2016/17 whilst the broader approach to transformation and integration is considered, developed and included as part of the refresh of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the development of other associated plans such as the Sustainable Transformation Plan for Health and Care across South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw and the Barnsley Integrated Transformation Plan. The Board also agreed that the plan from 2015/16 be updated to reflect the new national conditions and the removal of the payment for performance element of the fund.

4. 2016/17 Better Care Fund Plan

- 5.1 In line with the agreed approach to roll forward the plan from 2015/16, updated as appropriate to reflect required changes, the current BCF plan remains relevant and continues to describe the BCF plans in Barnsley. The planning guidance for 2016/17 required the submission of a BCF planning submission template by 21 March 2016. This was submitted for assurance along with a supporting narrative which describes the changes from the 2015/16 plan and details how the new national conditions are to be achieved. The final BCF planning submission template for 2016/17 and the supporting narrative are attached as appendix 1 and 2.
- 5.2 The BCF 2016/17 Headline Narrative (Attached at Appendix 2) provides a description of how each of the national conditions will be met, linking back into the original BCF plan and providing an update where changes have been made and where new conditions have been introduced. This includes information in relation to:
- How plans have been jointly agreed;
 - How provision of social care services will be maintained;
 - Details of the approach to delivery of 7-day services across health and social care to prevent unnecessary non-elective (physical and mental health) admissions to acute settings and to facilitate transfer to alternative care settings when clinically appropriate;
 - How data sharing between health and social care, based on the NHS number will be improved;
 - The approach to joint approach to assessments and care planning;

- The agreed investment in NHS commissioned out-of-hospital services;
- The agreed local action plan to reduce delayed transfers of care and deliver the BCF target.

5.3 The BCF Planning Submission Template attached at appendix 1 provides details of the funding sources and expenditure plans for the BCF. These are in line with the original BCF plan with updates to reflect slight changes to the overall fund.

5.4 The template also sets out the agreed targets for 2016/17 against the following six key metrics

- Non elective admissions to hospital
- Admissions to residential and care homes
- Effectiveness of reablement
- Delayed transfers of care
- Patient/service user experience of GP and out of hours services
- Proportion of people with long term conditions who feel they are supported to manage their condition

5.4 In 2015/16 the key relating to non-elective admissions to hospital was subject to a stretch target and the payment for performance regime. In 2016/17 the planned level of non elective admissions to hospital is in line with the CCG plans for non elective activity and takes account of underlying trends which resulted in continued increases in the level of admissions during 2015/16. The aim is therefore to minimise future increases with growth of no more than 1%.

5.5 For each of the other key metrics the targets for the BCF are in line with the Council's Corporate Plan targets and CCG planning targets, aiming to continue to improve performance from 2015/16.

6. Conclusions

6.1 The Board are asked to note the contents of the report along with the Better Care Fund Planning Submission and supporting narrative and agree that any amendments to the plan as a result of the assurance process be agreed and signed off by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board.

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