

**REPORT TO THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD  
2 December 2014**

**BCF ASSURANCE OUTCOME AND ACTION PLAN**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Board Members with an update on the Better Care Fund (BCF) Assurance Process and Action Plan for the final stage of moderation.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**It is recommended that:-**

- 2.1 Members note the successful outcome of being ‘approved with support’ and the work taking place to ensure the BCF plan is approved in December 2014.**

**3. INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 At the September meeting the H&WB agreed its Better Care Fund submission and this was returned to NHS England on the 19<sup>th</sup> September. Throughout the course of October a national assurance process (Nationally Consistent Assurance Review) was undertaken on all BCF submissions throughout the Country. This resulted in an assessment of either; approved, approved with support, approved with conditions or not approved.
- 3.2 Jeremy Hunt MP and Eric Pickles MP announced the results of the assurance process at the National Children and Adult Services conference on the 30<sup>th</sup> October. The full breakdown of figures is available on the [NHS England website](#), and they show that 6 areas had their plans ‘approved’, 90 were ‘approved with support’, 48 were ‘approved subject to conditions’, and 5 were currently ‘not approved’. This amounts to 97% of areas falling into one of the three approval categories.

**4. Barnsley’s Assurance Outcome and Next Steps**

- 4.1 Barnsley was ‘approved with support’ which reflects an extremely positive position and the extent of work and engagement of all stakeholders over the summer period.
- 4.2 To move the assessment to ‘approved’, the following conditions have to be evidenced:-
- An outcome of the Ernst and Young work around economic modelling,
  - Identification of the proportions around risk sharing (as per the submission this is a split between the commissioners but needs to be quantified in percentage terms),
  - Set out the timescales for our s.75 agreement.
- 4.3 Due to Barnsley’s submission being assessed as ‘approved with support’ oversight of the final stages of the moderation process transferred to the Local Area Team

(LAT), evidence has to be supplied to the LAT before the 28 November 2014. This should then enable Barnsley's BCF to be approved by the 4/5<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

**5. NEXT STEPS/ CONCLUSION**

- 5.1 At the time of producing this report, work is taking place to ensure the above evidence is in place and supplied to the LAT by the 28<sup>th</sup> November. It is however important to note that the fund goes live in April 2015 and a continued impetus is required to ensure the next phase around implementation and delivery is in place and has appropriate oversight and governance across the entire system.

**Appendix**

Appendix 1 – Barnsley's BCF NCAR outcome and action plan.

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