

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2014 AT 2.00 P.M.**

SUBJECT: Submission of Revised Better Care Fund

Report of Assistant Director of Health Integration, East and North
Hertfordshire CCG and Hertfordshire County Council

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1.0 Purpose of report

1.1 To provide an update on the Better Care Fund plan which was submitted to NHS England on 19th September 2014.

2.0 Summary

2.1 The Better Care Fund (previously referred to as the Integration Transformation Fund) was announced as part of the June 2013 Spending Round. The Fund is made up of £3.8bn of NHS funding which will now be pooled between NHS and social care to drive integration of services and provide people with the right care in the right setting, including significant investment into care provided within the community.

2.2 Each Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) agreed a local Better Care Fund (BCF) plan which evidenced how local areas would meet 6 national conditions:

- '7 day working' in health and social care
- Plans to be agreed jointly between the NHS and social care
- Better data sharing between NHS and social care
- Joint assessment and 'accountable professionals'
- Protection of social care services (not spending)
- Agreement on the consequential impact of changes in the acute sector

2.3 Of the £3.8bn national BCF, Hertfordshire was required to pool a minimum budget of £70.9million in 2015/16. However the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and County Council agreed an approach which pools a larger budget and allows for the joint commissioning of a wider range of health and social care services for older people. The HWB agreed that

approximately £240million would be pooled in 2015/16 to create integrated services which would:

- Deliver better care for patients and service users
- Reduce reliance and spend on acute services
- Meet national conditions to deliver against the metrics
- Release efficiencies for Hertfordshire County Council and both CCGs to help deliver against efficiency targets.

2.4 In April 2014 the Health and Wellbeing Board agreed the plans for the allocation and spending of the £240m BCF plan. The Fund would need to deliver against the following national metrics:

- Delayed transfers of care
- Avoidable emergency admissions
- Effectiveness of re-ablement
- Admissions to residential and nursing care
- Patient and service user experience
- Plus one locally agreed metric: Estimated diagnosis rate for people with dementia (NHS Outcomes Framework 2.6i)

3.0 Recommendation

3.1 That the Board formally endorse the Better Care Fund plan, and agree to monitor progress against key targets and indicators.

4.0 Revised Better Care Fund Plan in Hertfordshire

4.1 In July 2014, each HWB area was required to resubmit their BCF Plan according to updated guidance. The new guidance stated that the Pay for Performance conditions would be based solely on the delivery of a reduction in total emergency admissions. Previously, the Pay for Performance conditions were tied to the collection of national metrics listed in 0. There was a national expectation that each HWBB area would aim to reduce total emergency admissions by 3.5% in 2015/16, from the 2014/15 baseline.

The requirement to revise the BCF local plan provided an opportunity for plan to be improved in the following areas:

- To provide more detail on the context, challenges and opportunities for integration in Hertfordshire.
- To show more evidence on the need for, and rationale behind each of the local BCF schemes.
- To model the benefits of each of the schemes and show the impact integrating services through the BCF will have on the health and social care services residents will receive in Hertfordshire.
- To outline the robust governance and joint leadership of the BCF within the county, and include the BCF including outlining the risk and benefit sharing approach adopted.

4.2 The Board agreed at its July Away Day, that the new submission could be signed off virtually by the CCG Accountable Officers, Director of Health and Community Services and the Chair. The report will be forwarded to the whole

Board ahead of this meeting. The revised BCF plan will be submitted on the 19th September. The timeline for the review process is outlined below:

- By 3rd October - pre-arranged meeting with HWB representatives will provide an opportunity for HWBs to demonstrate their vision and plan of action, and resolve any clarifications or issues raised by the reviewing team.
- By 3rd October – Individual plans reviewed according to the National Consistent Assurance Review process (including validation conversation with NHS Local Area Team and local government to triangulate views).
- By 10th October - Moderation Process complete.
- HWB areas will be informed whether the local plan was 1. Approved 2. Approved with support, 3. Approved with conditions, or 4. Not approved.

Report signed off by	Herts Valley Clinical Commissioning Group (HVCCG) - Board, East and North Hertfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (ENHCCG) Board, Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) - Cabinet
Sponsoring HWB Member/s	Iain MacBeath, Nicola Bell and Lesley Watts
Hertfordshire HWB Strategy priorities supported by this report	The Better Care Fund proposals relate to the following Health and Well-being priority areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living well with dementia • Enhancing quality of life for people with long term conditions • Supporting Carers to care
<p>Needs assessment</p> <p>The Better Care Fund identifies initial priorities for integration based on our understanding of both need in the area and future demographic challenges, which is why the priorities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - support to frail elderly populations - Long term conditions - Dementia - Stroke Care - End of life care <p>As detailed joint commissioning plans for the Better Care Fund develop, further work will be done reviewing the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment to identify areas to prioritise for transformation.</p>	
<p>Consultation/public involvement</p> <p>There has been extensive consultation activity around the Better Care Fund process, with patient groups, statutory bodies, provider organisations and the voluntary and community sector. During February there were 4 Better Care Fund events, run jointly by the CCGs and HCC across the County, with over 240 people attending. The feedback from these events has informed the submission, and will also inform the approaches to delivering the agreed objectives. In addition to these events major NHS providers have been engaged in the development of the submission and will continue to be engaged as plans develop.</p>	
<p>Equality and diversity implications</p> <p>Each project that is delivered as part of the Better Care Fund work will be subject to robust equality impact assessments, to ensure the impact on different groups is understood and where necessary mitigated against.</p>	
Acronyms or terms used	
Initials	In full
CCG	Clinical Commissioning Group

BCF	Better Care Fund
HCC	Hertfordshire County Council
HWB	(Hertfordshire)Health and Wellbeing Board