



HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD 8 May 2014

ITEM 11

Report of the Strategic Director of Adults,
Health and Housing and the Chief Officer of
Southern Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning
Group

Better Care Fund

SUMMARY

- 1.1 In June 2013, Ministers announced the creation of an integrated transformation fund (which was renamed the Better Care Fund) to create £3.8bn worth of pooled budgets between health and social care, starting from April 2015.
- 1.2 The aim of the fund is to accelerate and incentivise councils and local NHS organisations to jointly plan and deliver services so that integrated care becomes the norm by 2018.
- 1.3 An additional £200m has been made available in 2014/15 in the pool for the transfer from health to social care to streamline this process.
- 1.4 This report informs members of the Health and Well-being Board of the requirements of the Better Care Fund and Derby City's plans for its utilisation.
- 1.5 The completed final plan template and associated metrics are attached at Appendix 2.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To note the final version of the Derby City Better Care Fund plan as approved by the Board at its meeting on 13 March 2014.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Plan had to be submitted to the Department for Health by 4 April 2014. Derby City complied with this milestone.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

4.1 Introduction

The Better Care Fund (previously referred to as the Integration Transformation Fund) was announced in June as part of the 2013 spending round. It provides an opportunity to pool funds to transform local services so that people are provided with better integrated care and support. It encompasses a substantial level of funding to help local areas manage pressures and improve long term sustainability but it is important to note that none of the Fund is “new” money and will need to be withdrawn from existing NHS commitments. It also contains the Social Care Capital Grant and the Disabled facilities Grant. The intention of the Fund is to act as a catalyst for accelerated change towards greater integration of health and social care.

The value of the fund for Derby City is £5.264m in 2014/15, although £4.111m of this is already contained within the 2013/14 s256 transfer from the NHS to the Council.

The final version of the Better Care Fund (BCF) plan has to be submitted to the Department of Health (DH) by 4 April 2014.

4.2 What is included in the Better Care Fund and what it will cover

The tables below summarise the elements of the Fund:

The June Spending Round set out the following:	
2014/15	2015/16
A further £200m transfer from the NHS to adult social care, in addition to the £900m transfer already planned	£3.8bn to be deployed locally on health and social care through pooled budget arrangements.
In 2015/16 the Fund will be created from:	
£1.9 bn of NHS funding	
£1.9 bn based on existing funding in 2014/15 that is allocated across the health and wider care system. This will comprise:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £130m Carers' breaks funding • £300m CCG re-ablement funding • £354m capital funding including £220m Disabled Facilities Grant) • £1.1 bn existing transfer from health to adult social care 	

4.3 For 2014/15 there are no additional conditions attached to the £900m transfer already announced, but NHS England will only pay out on the additional £200m to councils that have jointly agreed and signed off two year plans for the Better Care Fund.

4.4 In 2014/15 there are no new requirements for pooling budgets. Councils should use the additional £200m to prepare for the implementation of pooled budgets in April 2015 and to make early progress against the national conditions and the performance measures set out in the locally agreed plan. This is important, since some of the performance-related money is linked to performance in 2014/15.

- 4.5 Included within the Better Care Fund is funding for costs to councils resulting from care and support reform. This includes £50m of capital funding primarily associated with introducing new IT systems to administrate the capped care cost system which will be implemented from April 2016. A further £135m of revenue funding is linked to the new range of duties that come from April 2015 as a result of the Care Bill. Most of the costs result from new entitlements for carers and the introduction of a national minimum eligibility threshold, but there is also funding for better information and advice, advocacy, safeguarding and other measures in the Care Bill.

4.6 **The Derby Better Care Fund Plan**

Derby City Council and its NHS partners have been discussing integrated care for some time and undertaken consultation with citizens to better understand what they want from future health and social care services and integrated care in particular. The Health and Well-being Board recently agreed to adopt the *National Voices* vision and definition of integrated care which is:

“My care is planned with people who work together to understand me and my carer(s), put me in control, co-ordinate and deliver services to achieve my best outcomes.”

- 4.7 This is underpinned by the following guiding principles. Integrated care must:

- be organised around the needs of individuals (person-centred)
- focus always on the goal of benefiting service users
- be evaluated by its outcomes, especially those which service users themselves report
- include community and voluntary sector contributions
- be fully inclusive of all communities in the locality
- be designed together with the users of services and their carers
- deliver a new deal for people with long term conditions
- respond to carers as well as the people they are caring for
- be driven forwards by the commissioners
- be encouraged through incentives
- aim to achieve public and social value, not just to save money
- last over time and be allowed to experiment

4.8 The investment of the BCF to start to create of our integrated health and care system focuses on:

- a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment that captures the assets in our communities as well as their challenges
- a further investment in Local Area Co-ordination to make best use of the naturally-occurring assets in the community to promote self-help and build up people's own informal networks of support
- support to people living with long term conditions to better manage their own conditions and reduce crises
- integrated primary and community health teams with social work to create ten community support teams across the city
- a focus on people who have a significant number of hospital admissions over the year to help stabilise their conditions through proactive management and support
- a single point of access for people at risk of a hospital or care home admission and the services to support people to remain at home
- 7 day a week services that promote early discharge and avoid unnecessary hospital admissions
- Increased use of personal health budgets to support people with continuing care needs in the community
- only by exception people going into long term care from an acute hospital bed
- optimisation of people's opportunity to recover and be rehabilitated/ re-enabled to be the best that they can be
- community geriatricians supporting primary care practice who in turn will support more frail older people to live at home
- increased support to carers, especially those who spend a considerable amount of time caring
- support for people to live in decent and safe homes particularly for those where housing conditions are impacting on health.

4.9 Further detail of the above can be found in the BCF plan template attached at appendix 2.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 None

This report has been approved by the following officers:

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	Appendix 2 – BCF Plan
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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 The Better Care Fund provides for £3.8bn worth of funding in 2015/16 to be spent locally on health and care to drive closer integration and improve outcomes for citizens. In 2014/15, in addition to the £900m transfer already planned from the NHS to adult social care, a further £200m will transfer. At a local level this translates to a total of £17.403m for 2015/16 and an additional £1.153m for 2014/15.

The plan requires a statement that sets out how investment will protect adult social care services.

Legal

- 2.1 None

Personnel

- 3.1 None

Equalities Impact

- 4.1 None

Health and Safety

- 5.1 None

Environmental Sustainability

- 6.1 None

Asset Management

- 7.1 None

Risk Management

- 8.1 The Better Care Fund Plan requires a statement on risk sharing and risk rewards.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 9.1 The vision and guiding principles set out in the report are compliant with the Council's corporate objectives and those of the Derby Plan.

