

HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD 24 March 2016

ITEM 5

Joint Report of the Strategic Director of Adults Health and Housing & the Chief Operating Officer of Southern Derbyshire CCG

Better Care Fund Update

SUMMARY

- 1.1 Local partners are required to produce a BCF Plan for 2016/17 which must be agreed through the Health and Wellbeing Board. The Plan must include:
 - A short, jointly agreed narrative plan including details of how they are addressing the national conditions;
 - Confirmed funding contributions from each partner organisation including arrangements in relation to funding within the BCF for specific purposes;
 - A scheme level spending plan demonstrating how the fund will be spent;
 - Quarterly plan figures for the national metrics.
- 1.2 The planning timetable for the development and submission of the BCF Plan 2016/17 are challenging with the final BCF Plan to be submitted by 25 April 2016.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To note the requirement to produce and submit a local BCF Plan for 2016/17.
- 2.2 To approve that the Health and Wellbeing Board Chair, Chief Officer of Southern Derbyshire CCG and Acting Strategic Director of People Adults and Health have delegated authority to review and approve the final BCF Plan 2016/17 on behalf of the Health and Wellbeing Board prior to its submission.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3.1 The Health & Wellbeing Board need to have oversight and input into the development and implementation of the BCF Plan.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

4.1 A verbal briefing will be provided to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 None - the Better Care Fund is a national requirement and all areas need to submit a plan should they wish to make use of the funding flexibilities between Council and CCGs. In addition, the integration agenda between health and social care remains a key priority for the current government and the BCF is seen as an integral lever for change and system transformation.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

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Background papers:	None
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications

IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

1.1 The Derby City BCF amounts to £17.403m in total for 2015/16. A certain proportion of the fund has to be spent on NHS commissioned out of hospital services, £3.110m. In addition, £1.475m has to be held by Southern Derbyshire CCG to cover the risk of the 3.5% emergency admissions reduction target. £12.817m of the fund shall transfer to the Council. This is fully reflected in the overall Council budget for 2015/16 and does not represent additional funding.

The Council receives quarterly payments of the fund form the CCG and this is currently up to date.

Legal

2.1 The Council must enter into a section 75 agreement with Southern Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group to transfer the BCF funding to the Council, under section 75 of the NHS Act 2006.

Personnel

3.1 Council Care staff already work collaboratively with NHS staff, further movement in this direction shall be required as a result of the BCF plan. This will require scoping by both the Council and its NHS partners to understand the options and implications for employers and employees, as further collaborative work is carried out. Any future significant personnel implications as a result of the scoping shall be subject to a further report. Assignment of a lead professional to more complex cases is a requirement of the BCF plan. This shall be undertaken through the Community Support Teams.

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4.1 In order to facilitate information sharing at a patient level, the NHS number shall be captured in all source systems to support professionals working with individuals in order to better plan and co-ordinate care with NHS colleagues.

Equalities Impact

5.1 Better care for older people and disabled people is a key aim of the BCF plan. The plan shall have a positive impact on treating and supporting older people in the community, as well as disabled people.

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6.1 None arising directly from this report.

Environmental Sustainability

7.1 None arising directly from this report.

Property and Asset Management

8.1 None arising directly from this report.

Risk Management

9.1 The Better Care Fund supports the Councils overall budget as an income stream to allow delivery of key care services to support the overall health and care system in Derby. The loss of this fund would present a significant financial risk to the Council. The current fund is currently only agreed for 2015/16. Governance arrangements are in place as detailed in paragraphs 4.8.to 4.12 of the report.

In order to share data with the NHS the Council needs to achieve and retain NHS IG Toolkit compliance.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

10.1 The vision and guiding principles set out in the BCF plan are compliant with the Council's corporate objectives and those of the Derby and SDCCG Plan to achieve good health for all.

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