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Shropshire Health & Wellbeing Executive

BETTER CARE FUND AND UPDATE ON ACTIVITY AND MONITORING OF S256 FUNDING TRANSFERRED FROM SHROPSHIRE CCG TO SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL

1. Introduction

Part One: Better Care Fund

The Better Care Fund (formerly the Integrated Transformation Fund) was announced in the spending review in June 2013. The attached paper sets out the current joint strategic position across Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group and Shropshire Council in relation to the implementation of the Fund, the performance monitoring requirements, the financial implications and key areas of work associated with it.

Part Two: Section 256 monitoring

Following agreement on a set of outcome measures for the 2012/13 Section 256 monies by the Health & Wellbeing Board, the attached report provides a performance update in relation to these measures

2. Recommendations

Part One – Better Care Fund

The Board asked to agree the following recommendations:

- The Fund be used to support the overarching themes of – Prevention, Living Independently for Longer, Long Term Conditions and Managing and Supporting people in Crisis.
- That the Better Care Fund supports the key priorities set out in the JSNA and Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- That the implementation of the Fund be carried out in two phases for 2014/5 and 2015/16 as set out in the attached report
- That the Task and Finish Group will continue to meet to further develop the next stage of the plans required to implement the Fund and the required submission to NHS England
- That the Task and Finish group will continue to develop the local financial plans required for implementation in 2015/16 which will be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board in September 2014
- That the final selection of the local performance indicator be delegated to the Task and Finish Group
- That the Task and Finish Group develop a Better Care Fund risk register, of which the first draft will be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board in March 2014
- That the Task and Finish group will develop more detailed recommendations regarding the governance arrangements for the Better Care Fund which will be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board in March 2014

Part Two: Section 256 monitoring

- Note the activity to date against each of the expenditure allocations
- Agree that annual performance activity against the suite of Local Authority performance indicators (both national and local indicators) are reported to the board in the Summer of each year once validated by the information centre.
- That the Health and Wellbeing Board prioritises areas for in depth review as part of the forward plan to include preventive services and locality commissioning.

REPORT

3. Purpose of Report

Part One – Better Care Fund

Plans for the use of the Better Care Fund must be submitted to NHS England on 14 February 2014. The Health and Wellbeing Board is responsible for signing off this submission. The attached report aims to give the Health and Wellbeing Board assurance that the necessary work has been completed or is near completion for sign off to take place.

Part Two – Section 256 Agreement

This report provides an update on the use of funds transferred during 2013/14 from NHS England on behalf of Shropshire CCG to the local authority under a section 256 agreement.

The transfer from NHS England to the Local Authority of funds totalling in the region of £4.9 million and the areas it is to be spent against was agreed by the Health and Wellbeing Board in September 2013

The funds were allocated to both existing expenditure as well as to areas that strengthen adult safeguarding and prevention and to new initiatives such as the development of locality commissioning.

Some areas of expenditure have well established national performance indicators from the Adult Social Care Outcomes Framework (ASCOF) which on an annual basis are comparable against other the performance of other Local Authorities whereas others have a suite of local indicators allocated to them e.g. safeguarding which measure local performance and are for internal use

4. Background

Part One – Better Care Fund

The Better Care Fund (formerly the Integrated Transformation Fund) was announced in the spending review in June 2013. The Fund was described as an opportunity to create a shared plan for the totality of health and social care activity and expenditure that would have benefits beyond the mandated pooled fund (section 256 agreement) and would encourage Health and Wellbeing Boards to extend the scope and plans for these budgets. The Fund would not constitute new funding but would bring together NHS and Local Government resources already committed to existing core activity requiring Councils and CCG's to redirect funds into shared activities and programmes that will deliver better outcomes for individuals. The attached report sets out in further detail the requirements of the Fund, plans for implementation and financial implications going forward

Part Two – Section 256 Agreement

Traditionally, in line with the National Health Service Act 2006, annually under a Section 256 Agreement, health monies have been transferred to Local Authorities to support Adult Social Care in relation to activities carried out by the Local Authority which relate to the health of individuals, the provision of health services or are of benefit to the wider health and care system in the area of the Local Authority.

5. Engagement

Part One – Better Care Fund

The attached report sets out plans for consultation and engagement

Part Two – Section 256 Agreement

Not applicable for this particular item

6. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal (including Equalities, Finance, Rural Issues)

Part One – Better Care Fund

The attached report sets out proposals for the identification and management of risk associated with the Fund and gives a full account of plans to implement the Fund

Part Two – Section 256 Agreement

Performance monitoring against this funding was not a formal requirement until September 2013. Therefore the attached monitoring report represents the first iteration of a performance and outcome monitoring Framework. It is acknowledged that further refinements are required and it is anticipated that the learning from this process will be utilised in developing the performance monitoring arrangements related to the Better Care Fund which will supersede the Section 256 Arrangements from April 2014 as has been set out in the attached Better Care Fund paper.