

**Health and Wellbeing Board**  
**25<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

## **BETTER CARE FUND (BCF) PLAN FOR 17/18- 18/19 & 16/17 Q4 PERFORMANCE REPORT**

### **Responsible Officer**

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### **1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to consider the content of this report and is asked to note that due to external factors we are unable to supply supporting papers in advance. Officers from Shropshire Council and Shropshire CCG will provide a detailed presentation at the meeting on the draft Integration and Better Care Fund plan for 17/18- 18/19 and the 2016/17 Quarter 4 Performance Report.

### **2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1 The Health & Wellbeing Board is asked to:
- Receive a presentation on the proposed Integration and BCF plan for 17/18-18/19 and discuss any changes or improvements that can be made;
  - Agree the timeline and sign off for the Integration and BCF plan;
  - Note and sign off the content of the Quarter 4 Better Care Fund Performance Report.

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### **3.0 Integration and Better Care Fund Plan 17/18 and 18/19**

- 3.1 The much anticipated Policy Framework for BCF in 17/18 and 18/19 was published in March, some three months after the anticipated release date. Whilst this provides us with useful context and an overview of the expectations for our BCF plan we still await the detailed guidance that is likely to be delayed until after the General Election on 8<sup>th</sup> June.

- 3.2 Headlines from the Policy Framework are:

- Local areas have been asked to produce a 2-year plan for the first time. In Shropshire this helps us to describe and demonstrate the integration journey we are on, with significant developments around joint governance and commissioning being developed in 2017-18 driving much greater integration from 2018-19.

- There are a reduced number of national conditions. These are:
  - Plans to be jointly agreed;
  - NHS contribution to adult social care is maintained in line with inflation;
  - Agreement to invest in NHS commissioned out-of-hospital services, which may include 7 day services and adult social care;
  - Managing Transfers of Care.
- The additional Improved Better Care Fund (IBCF) funding for adult social care in 2017-19 must be pooled into the local BCF.

3.3 Although the delays in the guidance continue to be frustrating they have enabled us to take a different and more positive approach than was the case in previous year. We have constructed a plan that describes our integration journey including our work on systems leadership and joint commissioning and how BCF is a key tool in achieving this rather than producing a document that is structured on external requirements.

3.4 We will provide a full presentation on the proposed plan at the meeting.

#### **4.0 16/17 Quarter 4 Performance Report**

4.1 As in 2015/16, following approval of BCF Plans, NHS England require quarterly performance submissions based on a predefined performance template. The submission of the Quarter 4 performance template is due on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2017. A presentation on performance will be given at the meeting and the Board will be asked to approve submission to NHS England.

#### **5.0 Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal**

(NB This will include the following: Risk Management, Human Rights, Equalities, Community, Environmental consequences and other Consultation)

5.1 A specific Risk Log is included in the BCF narrative plan. The H&WB Delivery Group review the associated risk assurance framework at each meeting. Equalities issues are embedded throughout the plan. The plan also includes a section outlining the financial commitments supporting delivery. Rural issues are referenced throughout the plan.

#### **6.0 Financial Implications**

6.1 The headlines of the proposed BCF Pooled budget will be presented at the meeting. This will detail the mandated minimum amounts and our approach to meeting these.

<b>List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)</b>
<b>Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)</b> TBA
<b>Local Member</b> N/A
<b>Appendices</b> None, the item will be amplified with a presentation