



## Health and Wellbeing Board 28 March 2014

### BETTER CARE FUND PLAN AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTATION

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#### 1. Introduction

##### Part One: Better Care Fund

1.1 In February the Health and Wellbeing Board signed off the first draft submission to NHS England of the Better Care Fund Plan. Following receipt of feedback from our NHS Local Area Team and the continued work of the Better Care Fund Task and Finish Group a final draft of the Better Care Fund Plan (attached) has been prepared for final submission to NHS England on 4 April.

#### 2. Recommendations

2.1 The Board is asked to agree the following recommendations:

- a) To note and agree the final Better Care Fund Plan for submission to NHS England on 4 April 2014. In particular to agree that the section relating to 7 day services can be finalised once the Service Delivery and Improvement Plans have been received from provider organisations following the Extraordinary Health & Wellbeing Board meeting but prior to 4 April submission date.
- b) To note and agree the Better Care Fund Outcomes and Finance spreadsheet. In particular to note and agree the proposed local outcome measure
- c) To note and agree:
  - i. Better Care Fund Governance Structure
  - ii. Terms of Reference – Health and Wellbeing Delivery Group. In particular to agree the recently ratified Terms of Reference for the Health & Wellbeing Board to be updated to reflect the role of the Delivery Group
  - iii. Terms of Reference – Service Transformation Group
  - iv. Terms of Reference – Contracts and Performance Sub Group
  - v. Better Care Fund Manager Job Description

- vi. Better Care Fund Plan on a Page
  - vii. Better Care Fund Assurance Framework
- d) To agree that quarterly performance reporting be presented to the Health & Wellbeing Board with updates on progress of the Better Care Fund being a regular agenda item

### REPORT

#### 3. Purpose of Report

- 3.1 Final plans for the use of the Better Care Fund must be submitted to NHS England on 4 April 2014. The Health and Wellbeing Board is responsible for signing off this submission. Attached is a copy of the final Better Care Fund Plan and its associated Finance and Outcomes template as well as a range of supporting documentation for consideration by the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 3.2 Section e) of the Better Care Fund Template sets out a range of additional documentation to be submitted to support the Better Care Fund Plan for Shropshire. A number of these documents were included in the first draft submission in February. However, further to the continued work undertaken by the Better Care Fund Task and Finish Group to develop the plan and taking into consideration the feedback given by our NHS Local Area Team, a range of additional documentation has been developed to demonstrate the structures and processes that will support the delivery of the plan. These are:
- A Better Care Fund Governance Structure which where possible builds on existing structures and working groups in existence
  - Terms of reference to support the delivery of the necessary work to meet the Better Care Fund outcomes and objectives and to ensure appropriate communication and governance is maintained
  - A Better Care Fund Job Description. This post will bring valuable capacity to what is a significant agenda and co-ordinate the day to day management of the programme of work on behalf of the Health & Wellbeing Board
  - A Better Care Fund Plan on a Page. This has been developed as an oversight tool to demonstrate, at a glance, the elements of work which will feed into the Better Care Fund and how they link together
  - A joint Assurance Framework. This has been developed across the Council and CCG to ensure that the risks associated with such a complex piece of work are identified and mitigating actions taken to reduce or eliminate their impact as far as possible. This will be a live document which is regularly updated and presented to the Health & Wellbeing Board as part of the periodic performance reporting.
- 3.3 In light of the performance monitored element of the Fund and the associated financial implications of this it is proposed that quarterly monitoring be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board with a regular update on progress as a standard agenda item

### 4. Background

- 4.1 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 does not constitute new funding but brings 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.
- 4.2 The Better Care Fund will commence with a transitional year in 2014/15 with full implementation in 2015/16. There is a required minimum financial allocation which in 2014/15 is £6,151,000 rising to £21,451,000 in 2015/16. However due to a number of existing joint schemes across the Council and CCG within 2014/15 the amount to be allocated into the Fund will be £9,358,613 in anticipation of the following years minimum requirement and the Better Care Fund Plan supported this two phase approach to allow time for proper development of service redesign and transformation.

### 5. Engagement

- 5.1 The attached report sets out plans for consultation and engagement

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

- 6.1 The supporting documentation includes the current Assurance Framework for consideration by the Health & Wellbeing Board