

## Health and Wellbeing Board

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### Better Care Fund Update

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#### 1. Introduction

The Health and Wellbeing Board is as asked to consider the content of the attached:

- NHS England Assurance of the Better Care Fund Plan (BCF) 2016/17, Appendix A below
- Better Care Fund Q4 Monitoring Appendix B below, and Template, Appendix C attached

#### 2. Recommendations

The Health & Wellbeing Board is asked to:

- Note the assurance feedback from NHSE on the Better Care Fund plan for 2016/17 and the plan for addressing the outstanding items
- Note the content of the BCF Q4 monitoring template
- Approve the request for delegated authority to the H&WB Delivery Group to oversee the revisions to the BCF plan and associated Partnership Agreement and to approve the final version for submission to NHS England
- Support the delay of publication of the final BCF plan until after re-submission and final NHS England approval has been received

### REPORT

#### 3. Purpose of Report

To advise the Board of the results of the NHS England assurance process for the Better Care Fund Plan 2016/17 and to advise of any outstanding items to be addressed.

To advise the Board of the Quarter 4 performance position.

#### 4. Background

NHS England and the Local Government Association require CCG's and Local Authorities to work together to develop and annual Better Care Fund (BCF) Plan supported by a mandated minimum pooled budget. The 2016/17 BCF plan was submitted to NHS England on 3 May 2016 following approval by the Health & Wellbeing Board

## 5. Engagement

There has been extensive engagement in developing the BCF plan. This was set out in the Engagement section of the BCF plan

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

A specific Risk Log is included in the BCF plan. 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.

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| <b>List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)</b> |
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| Appendix A - Summary of NHS England Assurance of the Shropshire 2016/16 Better Care Fund Plan |
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| Appendix B - Better Care Fund Quarter 4 Monitoring |
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## **Appendix A**

### **Summary of NHS England Assurance of the Shropshire 2016/16 Better Care Fund Plan**

Following submission of the Shropshire 2016/17 Better Care Fund (BCF) plan on 3 May 2016 a provisional assurance rating of “Approved with Support” has been received from NHS England. A formal letter confirming this position is expected imminently. This assurance rating has been reached following evaluation of the plan by both NHS and Local Government assessors against the Key Lines of Enquiry previously circulated to the Board.

The plan was noted as being significantly improved from the first draft submission, with key areas identified for further clarification in the BCF plan centring in the main around the following themes:

- Financial stability
- Seven day working
- Primary Care development
- Measuring impact

In addition further detail was requested in relation to joint agreements, support for adult social care and joint assessments and care planning.

Following revisions to the plan against the areas identified the requirement is to re-submit the plan to NHS England by 30 June.

The Board should note that an updated version of the BCF Partnership Agreement, which sets out the operational and financial management arrangements for the BCF plan is currently being refreshed to reflect the 2016/17 BCF plan and is also due for submission to NHS England on 30 June.

A sub group of the Health & Wellbeing Delivery Group is currently undertaking the work on the revisions required to both the plan and the Partnership Agreement and will be requesting input from key stakeholders as necessary. It is suggested that publication of the final BCF plan is delayed until after re-submission and the final evaluation is completed by NHS England.

Due to the timings of re-submission in relation to Health & Wellbeing Board meetings it is requested that the Board delegate authority to the Health & Wellbeing Delivery Group to oversee the revisions to the BCF plan for re-submission to NHS England and the refresh of the Partnership Agreement, with a further progress report to be brought to the next Board meeting.

## Appendix B

### **Better Care Fund Quarter 4 Monitoring**

The Health & Wellbeing Board are asked to note the content of the BCF quarter 4 monitoring template.

In line with NHS England requirements a completed Q4 monitoring template was submitted on 27 May 2016. This was the final submission against the 2015/16 plan and was circulated to the Health and Wellbeing Delivery group and Health & Wellbeing Board Chair for approval prior to submission. A copy of the template is attached.

#### Metrics

In summary, quarter 4 monitoring shows that Shropshire achieved both its reablement and admissions to care homes metrics. The annually reported patient experience metric and local metric (reported in quarter 3) and were also achieved. However, significant challenges remain evident with the Non Elective Hospital Admissions metric, which was not met. Achievement of this metric has remained a prominent focus in the 2016/17 BCF plan

#### Finance

The BCF budget has been managed in line with budget projections and it is anticipated that once all year end invoices have been finalised the year will have ended in line with the financial plan.