



## Health and Wellbeing Board 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2018

### HWBB Joint Commissioning Report - Better Care Fund Update

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#### 1. Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the progress on the Better Care Fund (BCF) and the section 75 Partnership Agreement (pooled budget). Appendix A is the Final BCF Partnership / Section 75 Agreement; Appendix B is the BCF Planning template; Appendix C is the BCF 18/19 Annex of changes to the BCF; Appendix D is the Q1 BCF return.
- 1.2 In the Better Care Fund Plan the HWBBs describes its ambition for integration and the schemes that will support integration in Shropshire. The HWBB agreed that during 2017/18 the Shropshire Health and Care economy would focus on developing the Better Care Fund as a tool that fully supports integration, this included a revised Partnership Agreement.
- 1.3 As reported through the HWBB since November 2017, colleagues from the Shropshire Council and Shropshire CCG have reviewed each scheme of the Better Care Fund to develop a more streamlined plan that could be monitored for delivery and effectiveness; as well colleagues have worked to complete the Section 75 Partnership Agreement, so that integrated working can be supported by a pooled budget.
- 1.4 At the July HWBB the Board agreed the framework for the Partnership Agreement and devolved final decision making to the Joint Commissioning Group and requested that the agreement be made within 4 weeks of the HWBB.
- 1.5 The Joint Commissioning Group met the board's deadline and has approved the Partnership Agreement. The Agreement has been signed by Andy Begley on behalf of Shropshire Council and will be taken to the Clinical Commissioning Group for final CCG approval.
- 1.6 The BCF Annex and updated BCF Planning template is also attached for approval by the HWBB. This approval is a required element of the BCF planning process by NHSE.

#### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The HWBB to note the final Partnership Agreement,
- 2.2 The HWBB approve the BCF Planning Template and BCF Annex;
- 2.3 The HWBB to note Q1 return.

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### 3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

- 3.1. (NB This will include the following: Risk Management, Human Rights, Equalities, Community, Environmental consequences and other Consultation)
- 3.2. The HWB Strategy requires that the health and care system work to reduce inequalities in Shropshire. All decisions and discussions by the Board must take into account reducing inequalities.
- 3.3. The schemes of the BCF and other system planning have been done by engaging with stakeholders, service users, and patients. This has been done in a variety of ways including through patient groups, focus groups, ethnographic research.
- 3.4. As the agreement is yet to receive final sign off from the CCG Governance process, this remains a risk, however joint working across Shropshire Council and Shropshire CCG is working closely to minimise this risk.

### 4. Background

4.1 The Better Care Fund progress is reported at every Health and Wellbeing Board through the Joint Commissioning Report to the HWBB.

<p><b>List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)</b> For the final BCF plan please see HWBB paper <a href="#">here</a></p>
<p><b>Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)</b> Cllr Lee Chapman</p>
<p><b>Local Member</b> n/a</p>
<p><b>Appendices</b> Appendix A: Shropshire Section 75 Partnership Agreement Appendix B: BCF Planning Template Appendix C: BCF 18/19 Annex Appendix D: BCF Q1 Return</p>