

Better Care Fund 2016

Health and Wellbeing Board

Date: 25 May 2016

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Wards:	All
Locality Affected:	All
Parishes Affected:	All

1. Purpose and Reasons

- 1.1 Swindon submitted the Better Care Fund (BCF) Plan 2016/17 to the Department of Health and Department for Communities and Local Government on 21 March 2016. The Better Care Fund provides financial support for the closer integration of health and social care.
- 1.2 The BCF Plan was approved by the BCF, with the condition that more detailed information is supplied to NHS England around the Swindon Delayed Transfers of Care Programme. This was submitted in April 2016. The BCF Financial Plan is attached at Appendix 1 and the updated Swindon BCF narrative (Appendix 2) can be found on the Council's website at:
<http://ww5.swindon.gov.uk/moderngov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=933&MId=7298&Ver=4>.
- 1.3 The Government requires that the BCF Plan 2016/17 is considered by the Health and Wellbeing Board.

2. Recommendations

The Board is recommended to:

- 2.1 Note the Better Care Fund submission for 2016/17 which has been submitted to NHS England and Better Care Fund.

3. Detail

- 3.1 Detail is provided in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2.

4. Alternative Options

- 4.1 The option of not having a Better Care Fund Plan is rejected as it would mean that there is no agreed plan and no further allocation of funding for Swindon for 2016/17.

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5. Implications, Diversity Impact Assessment and Risk Management

Financial and Procurement Implications

- 5.1 The planned expenditure is built into the budget planning process for the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Swindon Borough Council (SBC) for 2016/17. Other financial implications are detailed in the reports at Appendix 1 and Appendix 2.

Legal and Human Rights Implications

- 5.2 There are no specific Legal or Human Rights implications arising from this report. The section 256 and 75 agreements are a legal contract that outlines the responsibilities of both the CCG and SBC through the aligned and pooled budget arrangement.

All Other Implications (including Staff, Sustainability, Health, Rural, Crime and Disorder)

- 5.3 None identified.

Diversity Impact Assessment

- 5.4 None provided.

Risk Management

- 5.5 Risks have been identified as well as mitigating actions which are part of the draft revised Better Care Fund Narrative Plan.

6. Consultees

- 6.1 The Board Director, Resources (Section 151 Officer) and Director of Law and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) are consulted in respect of all reports.

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 None.

8. Appendices

- 8.1 Appendix 1 – Better Care Fund Financial Plan.
- 8.2 Appendix 2 – Better Care Fund Narrative which can be found on the Council's website at:
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