

Better Care Fund Plan

Health and Wellbeing Board

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Wards:	All
Locality Affected:	All
Parishes Affected:	All

1. Purpose and Reasons

- 1.1 To discuss with members of the Health & Wellbeing Board the draft Better Care Fund Plan 2014 - 16.

2. Recommendations

The Board is recommended to:

- 2.1 Discuss the draft Better Care Fund Plan 2014 – 16 and advise of any amendments and alterations.
- 2.2 To receive the final Better Care Fund Plan by email once submitted on 31 March 2014.

3. Detail

- 3.1 The Department of Health announced in June 2013 its intention to set up a £3.8b Integrated Transformation Fund for Local Authorities (LA) and Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG) so that integration becomes the norm by 2018.
- 3.2 Further guidance and specific requirements on the LA and CCGs were published on the 19 December 2013.
- 3.3 The Better Care Fund (BCF) starts in 2015 and will be a National Health Services Act 2006 Section 75 Agreement with a pooled fund. In 2014/15 the money will come to the Local Authority as part of a Section 256 Agreement.
- 3.4 The allocation for Swindon is £3,394,293 for 2014/15 rising to £12, 675,000 in 2015/16. The majority of the allocation for 2014/15 is the current transfer to the LA from the NHS of £2,753,293. The additional allocation of £641,000 is to prepare for enhanced hospital discharge, winter pressure and 7 day working in social care.
- 3.5 The allocation for 2015/16 includes a contribution to implementation of the Health & Social Care Act, social care and health capital, health allocations for reablement and carers plus 3% of the CCG baseline budget

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3.6 There are a number of national conditions attached to the Better Care Fund:

- 7 day working in social care
- Better data sharing and use of NHS numbers as a unique identifier
- Protection of social care services
- Jointly agreed plans
- Jointly agreed assessment and care planning across health and social care
- Assessment of implications of plans on the acute sector

3.7 £1b of the allocation of £3.8b will be based on payment by result and achievement of agreed performance outcomes:

3.7.1 April 2015

- £250m for achievement of the 6 national conditions outlined in 3.6
- £250m for achievement of targets against 4 national indicators (reduction in avoidable hospital admissions, reduction in delayed discharge plus one local indicator)

October 2015

- £500m against all of the national and local indicators

3.8 The draft Better Care Fund Plan was submitted to the NHS England Area team on a prescribed template on 14 February 2014. Feedback has not yet been received. The final submission is due on 31 March 2014. There is a requirement that the plan is agreed by the Health and Wellbeing Board.

3.9 A working group across the CCG and Swindon Borough Council (SBC) has drafted the plan (Appendix 1 and 2) and discussed the outline with the Clinical Leadership Group of the CCG. The draft Better Care Fund Plan for Swindon is based on the joint plans we already have in place for Swindon as well as future ambitions.

3.10 We have been involved in discussions with stakeholders, providers, children and young people, the Youth Forum and health providers in the development of the documents which inform the Better Care Fund Plan.

3.11 It is proposed that the final plan is circulated to the Health and Wellbeing Board members by email

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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 allocation of funding for Swindon.

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 CCG and SBC for 2014/15. The payment by result element of the BCF will pose a significant risk to the CCG and SBC. Risks have been identified as well as mitigating actions which are part of the final submission to the HWB in March 2014.

Legal and Human Rights Implications

- 5.2 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 These have been considered as none.

Links to One Swindon, Strategic Objectives, Plans and Policies

- 5.4 The strategy is informed by the priorities set out in One Swindon, 'Living Independently, protected from harm, leading healthy lives and making a positive contribution'.

Diversity Impact Assessment

- 5.5 A diversity impact assessment (DIA) has not been completed as this report does not introduce new priorities. DIAs have been completed in respect of the plans and strategies that inform the Better Care Fund Plan.

Risk Management

- 5.6 None.

6. Consultees

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

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7. Background Papers

- 7.1 Better Care Fund Guidance published DH and LGA 19 December 2013

8. Appendices

- 8.1 Appendix 1 - Draft Better Care Fund Plan
- 8.2 Appendix 2 - Better Care Fund Plan on a page

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