

# Better Care Fund Plan 2014-16

Health and Wellbeing Board

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Wards:	All
Locality Affected:	All
Parishes Affected:	All

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## 1. Purpose and Reasons

- 1.1 To discuss with members of the Health & Well-Being Board the update to the financial information for the 2014/15 transfer of resources from NHS England to Swindon Borough Council Adult Social Care prior to the start of the Better Care Fund 2015 - 16.
- 1.2 To discuss and agree the re-submission of the Better Care Fund to NHS England for 2015/16

## 2. Recommendations

The Board is recommended to:

- 2.1 To agree the details of the financial plan, which has been agreed with Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group Governing Board for 2014/15 as detailed in paragraph 3.4 of the report.
- 2.2 To receive the new Better Care Fund Plan and finance templates based on new guidance issued by NHS England on 25 July 2014, and to agree it's submission based on this information subject to final changes advised by NHS England prior to 19 September 2014.
- 2.3 To authorise the Board Director Commissioning and the Accountable Officer Clinical Commissioning Group to make any final changes as advised through the assessment process. There is a briefing seminar with NHS England on 8 September 2014.

## 3. Detail

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 The allocation for Swindon is £3,525,754 for 2014/15. This allocation is the existing transfer from NHS to local authorities plus an increase for enhanced hospital discharge, winter pressure and 7 day working in social care. There is no winter pressure monies for adult social care in 2014/15.

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- 3.3 The previous allocation of the £3.4m for 2014/15 was agreed by the Health & Wellbeing Board on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2014 as part of the Better Care Fund Plan. Since then, NHS England has revised the allocation to £3.5m and has required expenditure plans to be categorised into service areas (Table 1 below) as agreed with the Department of Health. This will also ensure that they can report on a consolidated NHS England position on adult social care expenditure.
- 3.4 The table sets out the allocation against these revised headings. The transfer will be through a Section 256 agreement

**Analysis of the adult social care  
funding in 2014-15 for transfer to  
local authorities**

	£
Integrated Crisis & Rapid response	737,100
Telecare	100,500
Reablement	699,300
Maintaining eligibility criteria	642,600
Bed based intermediate care services	387,335
Early Supported Hospital Discharge Schemes	775,661
Learning Disability	183,258
Total Funding	3,525,754

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- 3.5 On 25<sup>th</sup> July 2014, the Department of Health issued new guidance in relation to the Better Care Fund Plan as well as new national templates for completion.
- 3.6 There are a number of new questions and sections in the plan, in particular Section 3 (the case for change), Section 4 (action plan), and Section 7 (national conditions).
- 3.7 There is a significant change in relation to payment by results. Nationally, £400m of £1b of the allocation of £3.8b will be based on payment by result for reducing avoidable hospital admission and achievement of agreed performance targets.
- 3.8 A further change in the guidance notes is an increased emphasis within the national conditions on the implementation of the Care Act and the protection of Adult Social Care.

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- 3.9 The attached draft plan has been developed by officers from Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group and Swindon Borough Council. The plan has been shared with our main providers Great Western Hospital and SEQOL.
- 3.10 A small allocation within the plan of £353k relates to Shrivenham. The plans for community health services (50% of the funding) are included in this plan. The remaining allocation will be transferred to Oxfordshire County Council Adult Social Care for the implementation of the Care Act and demand in adult social care services for the Shrivenham population.
- 3.11 The plans have to be submitted by the 19 September 2014 and are subject to an assurance process by the NHS and Local Government Association.

## **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 Swindon Borough Council for 2014/15 and 2015/16. The payment by result element of the BCF may pose a risk to the CCG. Risks have been identified as well as mitigating actions which are part of the final submission in September 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'.

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## 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.

## **7. Background Papers**

- 7.1 Better Care Fund Guidance.

## **8. Appendices**

- 8.1 Appendix 1 Better Care Fund Plan
- 8.2 Appendix 2 Better Care Fund Plan financial and activity plan