

Health & Wellbeing Board

Better Care Fund Plan 2015/16

Date: 27 May 2015

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Wards:	All
Locality Affected:	All
Parishes Affected:	All

1. Purpose and Reasons

- 1.1 To discuss and agree with members of the Health & Wellbeing Board the first monitoring report on the Better Care Fund Plan 2015/16 which has to be submitted to NHS England on 29 May 2015.

2. Recommendations

The Board is recommended to:

- 2.1 Discuss and agree the monitoring report for the Better Care Fund Plan 2015/16 attached at Appendix 1 for submission to NHS England on 29 May 2015.

3. Detail

- 3.1 The Better Care Fund (BCF) starts in 2015 and was approved by NHS England in 2014. The plan was agreed with no conditions.
- 3.2 Following the agreement of the BCF, Swindon Borough Council (SBC) and the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) entered into a National Health Services 2006 Section 75 Agreement on 1 May 2015.
- 3.3 The BCF is a pooled fund within the Section 75 Agreement.
- 3.4 This is the first monitoring report in relation to the BCF and is to be submitted on a prescribed format. The data in relation to specific outcomes is not required for this return.
- 3.5 The majority of the National Conditions have been met as outlined in the attached report.

4. Alternative Options

- 4.1 There is no alternative option as the monitoring report is mandatory.

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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 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 were recorded in the BCF.

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.

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 Better Care Fund Guidance published DH.

8. Appendices

- 8.1 Appendix 1 Better Care Fund Plan Monitoring Report.

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8.2 Appendix 2 Better Care Fund Plan monitoring guidance.