

4 March 2015**Agenda Item: 6****REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, ADULT SOCIAL CARE,
HEALTH AND PUBLIC PROTECTION, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY
COUNCIL****BETTER CARE FUND PLANS TO REDUCE NON ELECTIVE ADMISSIONS****Purpose of the Report**

1. To obtain approval for the proposed amendments to the trajectories for non-elective admissions.

Information and Advice

2. All Health and Wellbeing Boards were required to submit a plan to reduce emergency, or non-elective, admissions as part of the Better Care Fund (BCF) plan, with national guidance indicating a reduction of at least 3.5% was required.
3. Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) were required to determine a level of ambition for improving the delivery of integrated services that will lead to a reduction in the number of people admitted to hospital for unplanned treatment. CCGs will then be measured on the extent to which they achieve the "trajectory" of improvement from the current baseline to the planned future position resulting from the improved integration of services.
4. The Nottinghamshire BCF was approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board in August 2014 and set out a plan to reduce non-elective admissions by 3.7% across the County, with separate plans for each CCG with varying levels of ambition.
5. The national planning guidance "The Forward View into action: Planning for 2015/16" provides the opportunity for CCGs to revise the non-elective trajectories submitted in September 2014.
6. The policy guidance on revising the plans to reduce non-elective admissions has been emerging and we believe is in recognition of the national trend of an increase in emergency admissions, resulting in the original trajectories being very challenging to achieve in the context of the external pressures relating to demography and illness.
7. CCGs have reconsidered trajectories taking into account 2014/15 actual performance and forecast outturn for the year.

8. The Health and Wellbeing Board is required to sign-off all amendments to the trajectories in their strategic oversight role of the Better Care Fund plans.
9. CCGs are currently considering whether to revise their non-elective admissions plans, which are due to be submitted to NHS England on 27th February and will therefore be tabled for consideration at the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting on 4th March.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

10. To review the revisions to CCG non-elective admission trajectories in accordance with national guidance.

Statutory and Policy Implications

11. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

12. The financial implications are detailed in the Nottinghamshire BCF plan. The pooled budget amounts to a minimum of £59.3m in 2015/16. Revising the non-elective trajectories does not affect the performance-related element of the BCF as this is recalculated in accordance with the revised trajectory. Where CCGs elect to reduce the trajectory, there will be additional costs to be paid to the acute providers due to the increase in non-elective admissions.

Human Resources Implications

13. None

Legal Implications

14. The Care Act facilitates the establishment of the BCF by providing a mechanism that will allow the sharing of NHS funding with local authorities to be made mandatory. The wider powers to use Health Act flexibilities to pool funds, share information and staff are unaffected.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the Board:

- 1) Approves the proposed amendments to the non-elective trajectories.

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Constitutional Comments (LM 23/02/2015)

15. The recommendations in the report fall within the terms of reference of the Health and Well Being Board.

Financial Comments (AGW 23/02/2015)

16. The financial implications are contained in paragraph 12.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- Better Care Fund plan

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All