

3 September 2014**Agenda Item: 4****REPORT OF THE CLINICAL LEAD, NHS NOTTINGHAM NORTH AND EAST
CCG ON BEHALF OF THE BETTER CARE FUND WORKING GROUP****FINAL SUBMISSION OF THE BETTER CARE FUND PLAN****Purpose of the Report**

1. To inform the Health and Wellbeing Board of the further revised process and submission of the Better Care Fund (BCF) plan for Nottinghamshire.
2. To receive the final BCF plan following delegated approval by the Chief Executive of Nottinghamshire County Council (as chair of the Nottinghamshire BCF Working Group) in consultation with the co-chair of the BCF Working Group, and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the HWB.

Information and Advice

3. The BCF was originally announced in June 2013 within the Government's spending review. It was described as creating a national £3.8 billion pool of NHS and Local Authority monies intended to support an increase in the scale and pace of integration, whilst also promoting joint planning for the sustainability of local health and care economies.
4. At its meetings on 5 February 2014 and 2 April 2014, the Health & Wellbeing Board considered the original draft and final BCF plans before submission to the NHS England Area Team on the 14 February and 4 April 2014 respectively.
5. At the last meeting, the Board granted delegated authority to approve the BCF plan to the Chief Executive of Nottinghamshire County Council (as chair of the Nottinghamshire BCF Working Group) in consultation with the co-chair of the BCF Working Group, and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the HWB.
6. The plan was submitted as intended on 9 July 2014. However since this time, there has been a further requirement to review the plan in light of new templates and guidance. The BCF working group has undertaken the required review taking account feedback through an extended assurance process.
7. The BCF plan is being resubmitted by 29 August 2014 incorporating key changes as follows:

- a. Strengthened narrative to address the new technical guidance supporting the development of the plan
 - b. Completion of revised templates accompanying the new guidance
 - c. Identification of £1.9million as part of the BCF allocation to support the implementation of part 1 of the Care Act across Nottinghamshire.
 - d. Revised planning assumptions to achieve a reduction in total emergency admissions.
8. The Nottinghamshire BCF plan remains one of the top national plans, and submission has been fast tracked to allow the opportunity of achieving exemplar status. If exemplar status is achieved the Nottinghamshire plan will be shared with other Health and Wellbeing Board areas by way of best practice.
 9. The final plan submitted to NHS England will be available on Nottinghamshire County Council website after 29 August 2014 at the following site:
<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/caring/yourhealth/developing-health-services/health-and-wellbeing-board/bettercarefund/>
 10. A further report will be presented to the Health & Wellbeing Board following announcement of the outcome of the BCF submission.

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.

Implications for Service Users

12. It is expected that integrated systems will improve the service user journey and experience. Information on existing service provision has been gathered by the local planning groups and the impact of resource redirection ascertained to ensure that the impact on service users is not detrimental.

Financial Implications

13. The financial implications are outlined in the Nottinghamshire BCF plan.

Equalities Implications

14. Equality issues will be taken into account as part of the planning process undertaken in the working group and local planning groups. Better integration of services should mean that people receive a more consistent service across the county.

Legal Implications

15. 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. Ongoing engagement will be necessary as well as an Equalities Impact Assessment with regard to how monies are spent.
16. Services will need to be jointly commissioned by Local Authorities and CCGs. Agreement will need to be reached on contract leads for particular aspects of delivery.

RECOMMENDATION/S

1. That the Health & Wellbeing Board notes the further revised process and submission for Better Care Fund plan following delegated approval by the Chief Executive of Nottinghamshire County Council (as chair of the Nottinghamshire BCF Working Group) in consultation with the co-chair of the BCF Working Group, and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the HWB.

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Constitutional Comments

17. As this report is for noting no constitutional comments are required.

Financial Comments

18. The financial implications are contained within the Nottinghamshire BCF Plan.

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 (formerly the Health & Social Care Integration Transformation Fund.) Report to the Health & Wellbeing Board 8 January 2014
- Better Care Fund. Report to the Health & Wellbeing Board 5 February 2014

- Better Care Fund – Final Plans. Report to the Health & Wellbeing Board 2 April 2014
- Better Care Fund – Revised Process. Report to the Health & Wellbeing Board 2 July 2014

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All