

Title: Better Care Fund (BCF) 2016/17

Wards Affected: All

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1. Better Care Fund (BCF) 2016/17

- 1.1 The Better Care Fund (BCF) provides financial support for the integration of health and social care. It requires Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and local authorities in every single area to pool budgets and to agree an integrated spending plan for how they will use their BCF allocation. This paper is brought to the HWBB following the submission of the return on Friday 13 May 2016 by the CCG, as required by NHS England.
- 1.2 The Comprehensive Spending Review (25 November 2015), confirmed that the BCF will continue into 2016/17 – with a mandated minimum of £3.9 billion (nationally) to be deployed locally on health and social care. In 2015/16 the CCG's contribution exceeded the local minimum CCG contribution for 2016/17 which has been set at a national level at £10,305,000 and which is met within these proposals.
- 1.3 To meet the timescales laid down by NHS England the return that was submitted to NHSE in advance of the Health Wellbeing Board included the following narrative in respect of the Torbay financial position. 'This submission is made on the basis that both parties are committed to the BCF total being the same as in 15/16'. The local system is such that this is a tri-partite agreement including the CCG, the Integrated Care Organisation and the Council. This will be part of the risk share agreement that is being finalised.
- 1.4 In 2013 South Devon and Torbay became one of 14 national Pioneer sites for integration. The joint bid from the health and care community set out an ambitious goal of whole-system integration, extending beyond health and social care to encompass acute care, mental health and the voluntary sector and personal support, underpinned by the creation of an Integrated Care Organisation (ICO). The ICO formed in 2015 through the merging of South Devon Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust and Torbay and Southern Devon Care Trust to create a single entity for delivery to become Torbay and South

Devon NHS Foundation Trust, which further widens the current model of health and social care to include acute health care provision.

- 1.5 The vision for integrated health and care extends beyond the local authority boundary of Torbay into the whole area covered by the South Devon and Torbay CCG, which is also within the scope of Devon County Council. The BCF sits within this longstanding programme of integration through the creation of the ICO and the development of a new model of care.
- 1.6 The integrated nature of the arrangements within Torbay means that the ability to distinguish specific protection for Adult Social Care initiatives can be challenging. Never the less, clear identification and articulation of the benefits of BCF funded services and projects is key to driving preventative care and demand management in which social care plays an essential part.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Health & Wellbeing Board endorses the contents of the BCF submission for 2016/17, as attached to the submitted report.

3. Supporting Information

- 3.1 The submission – Narrative and financial template are appended.

4. Relationship to Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

- 4.1 The ICO business case and both the council and CCG strategic plans which underpin the BCF are informed by the JSNA.

5. Relationship to Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

- 5.1 The BCF lines up with the existing priorities set out in the Health and Wellbeing strategy, which takes the life course approach and identifies priorities which support a system of self-care for people with long term conditions, and promote both independence and mental health.

6. Implications for future iterations of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and/or Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

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Appendices

- Appendix 1 Narrative Submission for Better Care Fund Final 2016/17
- Appendix 2 Planning Template Submission Better Care Fund 2016/17