

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

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Report of Corporate Director of Department for People

to

Health and Wellbeing Board

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1. Purpose of Report

This paper follows on from the verbal update given to the Board at the Extraordinary Board Meeting on 30th January. This paper describes the Southend approach to Health and Social Care Integration and provides additional context for the attached Better Care Fund (BCF) submission.

2. Recommendations

The Board is asked to

- 1) Consider and agree the approach described below
- 2) Agree the attached Better Care Fund submission

3. Background

The Government's intention is for health and social care commissioning and delivery to be integrated between the NHS and local government. This was outlined with the publication of ***Integrated Care and Support; Our Shared Commitment*** and guidance issued between October 2013 and December 2013 on the Integration Transformation Fund latterly renamed the Better Care Fund (BCF). The shared commitment requires areas to achieve integration within 5 years and for Clinical Commissioning Groups to develop five year plans by June 2014.

The draft Better Care Fund submission attached to this report represents medium term plans covering a year of preparation (2014-15) and a year of delivery (2015-16). The Fund is intended to be a pooled fund created from existing funding streams with the expectation that monies are reallocated over the two year period to achieve the key objectives of the Better Care Fund.

There is no prescriptive blue print for implementation, however guidance issued on the 17th October encouraged Local Authorities and CCG's *"to create a shared plan for the totality of health and social care activity and expenditure that will have benefits way beyond the effective use of the mandated pooled fund.*

We encourage Health and Wellbeing Boards to extend the scope of the plan and pooled budgets.”

The key aims of the fund are set out by Government and performance will be measured against these objectives.

The key aims are:

- Protection for social care services.
- Seven day working across health and social care to support hospital discharge and avoid hospital admission.
- Data sharing.
- Joint planning and assessments.
- Identification of a lead accountable professional for joint packages of care.
- Agreement on impact on the acute sector.

The Southend fund allocation is £787k for 14/15 and £12,772k for 15/16 of which £3,358k is potentially subject to pay-for-performance measures. The £3.8bn being made available through the Better Care Fund is not ‘new’ money. Additionally, it should be noted:

- The application of the pooled fund must support adult social care services that also have a health benefit.
- Local authorities must agree with Clinical Commissioning Group partners on how the funding is best used within social care and the expected outcomes.
- Plans must be in line with responsibilities under the Health & Social Care Act and have regard to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for local populations, and existing commissioning plans for both health and social care.
- Local authorities must demonstrate how the funding will make a positive difference to social care services/outcomes compared to service plans in the absence of the funding transfer.

The integration approach in Southend is being driven by a strategic alliance with the overarching aim of ensuring “that Southend is the healthiest town in England by 2020 for all residents from birth to old age”. The alliance is comprised of:

- Southend Borough Council
- Southend Clinical Commissioning Group
- Southend University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
- South Essex Partnership Trust

At a high level the integration will build on existing initiatives and trial new ways of working in the areas of:

- Prevention
- Commissioning
- Service delivery

6. Corporate Implications

The Better Care Fund is a fund pooled between Southend Borough Council and Southend Clinical Commissioning Group. To achieve full benefit from the opportunities it presents a broad approach to achieving its aims will require Council wide commitment.

6.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities

The Better Care Fund will support the Council, Clinical Commissioning Group and partners to achieve the aim of a Creating a Better Southend across all ten Corporate priorities.

6.2 Financial Implications

- A pooled fund will be created of £687k for 14/15 and £12,772k for 15/16. If the partners fail to meet the pay-for-performance measures £3,358k is potentially at risk.
- For 2014/15, the Better Care Fund of £687k will be included as part of the NHS transferring monies of £3.777M paid directly to the Council by NHS England
- For 2015/16, the Better Care Fund of £12,772k will be derived from existing Council capital monies in relation to Disabled Facilities Grants and Social Care Capital Grants (£694k and £459k respectively) and £11,619k from the CCG, which itself incorporates the £3,777k NHS Transfer Monies and £970k reablement monies currently passed to the Council.
- At the time of drafting, it has not been decided who will hold the pooled funds in 2015/16.”

6.3 Legal Implications

None. The plans outlined are compliant with Government requirements.

6.4 People Implications

None at present but as the Programme progresses there may be implications for staff groups. Relevant agency Human Resources procedures will be followed where necessary.

6.5 Property Implications

None at present.

6.6 Consultation

Consultation will be carried out for different aspects of the Programme where required.

6.7 Equalities and Diversity Implications

An Equalities Assessment will be carried out as required on relevant aspects of the Programme.

6.8 Risk Assessment

Financial risks are outlined in the draft Better Care Fund submission.

6.9 Community Safety Implications

None

6.10 Environmental Impact

None

7. Background Papers

Better Care Fund Submission