

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

**Report of Director of People
to**

Health and Wellbeing Board

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**Agenda
Item No.**

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Integration Transformation Fund

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To inform the Health and Wellbeing Board of the implications and opportunities of the Integration Transformation Fund

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that an officers group be developed to ensure relevant timetables are met and that plans are developed locally for relevant pooled budget.

3. Background

- 3.1 The June 2013 Spending Round announced £3.8 billion worth of funding to ensure closer integration between health and social care from 2015/16. The money is an opportunity to improve the lives of some of the most vulnerable people in our society. The funding is described as: "a single pooled budget for health and social care services to work more closely in local areas, based on a plan agreed between the NHS and local authorities".
- 3.2 The creation of the Integration Transformation Fund (ITF) provides an opportunity to transform care so that people are provided with better integrated care and support.
- 3.3 Plans for the use of the pooled monies will need to be developed jointly by CCGs and local authorities and signed off by both parties and the local Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 3.4 The outline timetable as published in the "Statement on the health and social care Integration Transformation Fund" released by the LGA and NHS England states:
- August to October: Initial local planning discussions and further work nationally to define conditions etc
 - November/December: NHS Planning Framework issued
 - December to January: Completion of Plans
 - March: Plans assured

3.5 It is proposed that an officers group be developed to ensure this timetable is adhered to and that plans are developed locally for this pooled budget.

4. Financial Implications

4.1 The biggest challenge associated with the ITF is a result of the money not being new' but being a reallocation of existing CCG funds. Southend CCGs allocation is currently committed to contracts for services to meet the health needs of the population of Southend, and as such the transfer of resources to the local authority represents a significant challenge to both parties.

4.2 The actual value of this is unknown at present but early estimates put it in the region of £11m, half of which is additional from NHS allocations that will be over and above funds already allocated across the NHS and social care to support integration.

5. Associated Papers

5.1 "Statement on the health and social care integration transformation fund", LGA and NHS England (attached)