

Southend Health and Wellbeing Board 18th June 2014

Appendix 1 – Better Care Fund Update

1. Introduction

On 26th March 2014 the Health and Wellbeing Board approved the Better Care Fund plan.

Since approval the Joint Executive Group (JEG) has met regularly to review progression and direct future activity.

The overarching aim of the JEG is to ensure that Southend is the healthiest town in England by 2020 for all residents from birth to old age. We aim to do this by taking a broad spectrum approach encompassing health, social care, leisure, schools and regulatory services such as licensing for alcohol outlets.

The members of the JEG are:

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

2. Update on the Better Care Fund

The Board are requested to note the following updates;

At a national level BCF final plans were submitted in April 2014 and have subsequently been subject to an assurance process led by the NHS England Area Teams together with Local Government regional peers. Whilst the assurance process has demonstrated some improvement on the draft plans submitted in February, it has also shown that further work is required on the final plan, particularly around metrics and financial data. Further work is also required to demonstrate engagement with providers throughout the planning process.

Ministers have confirmed that no BCF plans would be signed off and that further time would be provided to CCGs and Councils, working with the Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBs) to refine their plans during June.

In addition to resolving issues with the completeness and robustness of data submitted, there are a number of areas on which further information is required from the planning process in order for NHS England to be assured of a rigorous and robust process. This includes providing a more detailed breakdown of planned

investments and savings, clarification on the impact of the BCF on emergency admissions and agreement on the consequential impact on the acute sector.

BCF resubmissions have been requested by NHS England for 27th June 2014.

Parallel to the above assurance process the Pioneer programme has begun to develop a process for integrating the identified BCF actions into the Pioneer workstreams.

For example the Service Delivery workstream has begun the planning process to introduce a GP 'Hub' during financial year 14/15 and the Joint Commissioning workstream have begun planning the commissioning of an Extra Care dementia pilot.

3. Governance

Southends' Health and Wellbeing Board monitors high level progress and receives regular progress reports.

The Health and Wellbeing Board sets the strategic direction for BCF and has tasked the JEG to monitor progress. The JEG reports on progress to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Each organisation will monitor its own delivery through its internal organisational Boards.

Given the scale and complexity of change needed the partnership has adopted a structured programme approach. This includes consideration and mitigation of risks to the project to ensure progression at scale and pace.

A programme manager has been appointed and the full programme management structure is in the process of being finalised.

4. Next Steps

The Board is asked to note the update within this paper.

Ensure BCF actions are fully integrated into the Pioneer programme.

Submit an update to the final plan on 27th June 2014.

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