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Dear Ian

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Approval of 17/19 iBCF Plans

Thanks you for the considerable work that has been undertaken between Southend Borough Council and Southend CCG colleagues to develop the 17/19 iBCF pan

I am writing to confirm that that NHSE have approved the plan that you have agreed with Southend Borough Council; in line with the 'Integration and Better Care Fund Planning Requirements for 2017-19' published on the 4 July 2017, specifically in relation to paragraph 26:

DH and DCLG have made clear in their letter of 28 March to LA chief executives that there are three purposes of this funding, one of which is to reduce pressures on the NHS. When areas agree this local investment, it will therefore contribute to meeting the ambition in the 2017-18 NHS England Mandate for NHS organisations to reduce delayed transfers of care (DToC) to occupying no more than 3.5% of hospital bed days by September 2017. In order to meet this, daily delays need to fall to around 4,000 in September 2017. This would in turn meet the ambition to free up the 2,000-3,000 hospital beds across England set out in Next Steps on the NHS Five Year Forward View

1 Agreed Targets

You have agreed to meet the two key requirements set by NHSE [East]:

1.1 DTOC Targets

iBCF and BCF are now key elements in the delivery of national DTOC targets, and the following targets have been agreed

CCGs will continue be required to meet their 3.5% target and you should continue to maintain your current performance, which is currently on track to meet the 3.5% target, by September 2017

New national DTOC targets have been agreed as 5.5 delayed days for NHS and 2.3 delayed days for LA or 7.8 total delayed days per day per 100,000 [as submitted in the July 21 returns]. This target should be met by November 2017.

For the avoidance of doubt CCGs and Local Authorities should meet the lower of these two targets

1.2 iBCF plan Implementation

Details of iBCF plan implementation, including milestones, KPIs and risk assessments to be provided by 31 August following review by the August Locality Transformation Group

2 Ongoing Monitoring

As you know DTOC is a national priority for both DH and DCLG and is a key element of joint working between CCGs and Local authorities, as part of the development and implementation of BCF plans.

It will therefore be the subject of ongoing review, both as part of BCF/iBCF and NHSE monitoring in order to meet these important targets. We will therefore be expecting regular reporting against the iBCF/ BCF plan development, assurance and monitoring as well as through the monthly CCG review meetings. This will therefore include

- National checkpoint on progress of BCF plan development:
Update against each of the four nation condition; DTOC metrics and iBCF – to be completed by 8th August
- National Submission of BCF plans:
BCF Plans to be submitted by 11 September, plans for assurance, including integration of iBCF plans
- BCF Quarterly monitoring
Ongoing reporting
- Monthly CCG review meetings
Ongoing reporting
- Locality Transformation Group
Ongoing reporting

Thank you again for completing this key work

Yours Sincerely



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