



NORTH YORKSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

THE BETTER CARE FUND (FORMERLY INTEGRATION TRANSFORMATION FUND)

5 FEBRUARY 2014

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To update the Health and Well Being Board on the requirements of the Better Care Fund (BCF).
- 1.2 To present to the Health and Well Being Board the key themes and priorities arising from the work across North Yorkshire to create and implement a Better Care Fund. At this stage, in common with many areas of the Country, we are not able to submit the final plan as this is a complex document, requiring the agreement of 6 CCGs and 3 Councils and the proposals need to respond to national, countywide and CCG level priorities.
- 1.3 This report sets out the high level conditions and issues and sets the scene for a presentation and discussion at the Health and Well Being Board.
- 1.4 To present the next steps to the Health and Well Being Board.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The Government has created a £3.8bn pooled budget for 2015/16 intended to help move care from hospital into the community and improve integration between Health and Social Care. This consists mainly of existing funding within the health and social care system with some pump priming in 2014/15.
- 2.2 In 2014/15 the existing NHS Transfer arrangements will continue and nationally an additional £200m (locally £2.02m) will be added to help LAs prepare for the implementation of the BCF and make early progress.
- 2.3 In 2015/16, existing transfer arrangements cease and CCGs are required to allocate a proportion of their budget to the fund.
- 2.4 Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) funding will be added for 2015/16 but with the stipulation that it is passed directly to Districts. Colleagues in District Councils in North Yorkshire will be meeting with the Integrated Commissioning Board to discuss

wider joint work and how we can involve them in key strategies under BCF such as Prevention.

- 2.5 The fund contains capital and revenue, some of which is to provide for the transitional support needed by LAs in preparing for the Care and Support Bill.
- 2.6 Approximately £10m of the local funding will be performance related based on the National Conditions and National Measures.
- 2.7 The plans need to be specific about how the fund will:
- Protect Social Care Services
 - Provide 7 day services to support discharges
 - Enable data sharing
 - Enable joint assessments and accountable lead professionals
- 2.8 Performance expectations are set for:
- National Conditions (measured in April 2015 - £2.5m)
 - National Metrics (measured in April 2015 - £2.5m)
 - Further progress against National Conditions and Local Metrics (measured in October 2015 - £5m)
- 2.9 Health and Well Being Boards are required to ensure that plans are suitably ambitious and to sign them off before submission. A single plan is required for the 'footprint' of the North Yorkshire Health and Well Being Board.
- 2.10 Draft plans are required on 14th February and final plans on 4th April.

3.0 Key themes arising from the BCF

- 3.1 The key themes for the North Yorkshire Health and Social Care Community are as follows:
- Investment in Targeted Prevention and Support to focus on people who are experiencing loneliness and isolation, have long term conditions or poor emotional well-being who may be on the cusp of needing more intensive social or health care services.
 - Sustainable communities to maintain and support the most vulnerable local people.
 - Reablement and Rehabilitation services, knitted together at a local level to provide fast response, integrated discharge from hospital, step up and step down beds and on-going support at home.
 - Integrated Health and Social Care Teams.
 - Development of specific high impact pathways to include falls and continence.

- Improved services for people with Mental Health needs.
- Reviewing how the NHS and LA work together for people with Learning Disabilities.
- Improved services for Carers.
- Improved infrastructure support systems for:
 - An information and advice system.
 - Shared approaches to Market Development and Quality Assurance.
 - Integrated approaches to Commissioning.

4.0 Key issues arising

4.1 Work is still underway to resolve the following questions:

4.2 The exact requirements of the fund for 2014/15.

4.3 How we manage the performance elements of the funding, in particular whether we need to target performance hot spots which could mean allocating funding to particular service areas at the expense of others.

4.4 We are being encouraged to extend the fund beyond £38.8m and we have not yet determined if, or how we should do this, though there is a general consensus that over the next two years we will be required to do so.

4.5 We need to ensure that we carve out sufficient resources to manage the transformation programme and to deliver all of the proposed schemes and infrastructure support.

5.0 Recommendations

5.1 That the draft submission for the NHS Area Team is approved by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Health and Well Being Board prior to submission on 14th February 2014 along with the Corporate Director of Adult Services for NYCC.

5.2 The Health and Well Being Board note the presentation and provide the Editorial Team with feedback and commentary on priorities, themes and implications.

5.3 The Health and Well Being Board holds an additional meeting in late March to review the final Better Care Fund submission which has to be submitted to the Area Team on the 4th April.

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