

North Yorkshire County Council

Health and Wellbeing Board

9 May 2014

Better Care Fund Update

Report of the Corporate Director, Health and Adult Services,
North Yorkshire County Council

1.0 Purpose of report

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| 1.1 This paper provides an update to the Health and Wellbeing Board on the current status of the Better Care Fund (BCF) submission and plan. |
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2.0 Background to the Better Care Fund submission

- 2.1 The Better Care Fund (BCF) is a £3.8bn national pooled arrangement which is worth £39.8m locally, between the NHS and North Yorkshire County Council.
- 2.2 It is to be used to integrate health and social care, reduce pressure on acute (hospital) services, protect adult social care and enable investment to be made in preventive services in both health and social care settings.
- 2.3 The North Yorkshire plan, entitled 'A New Era for Health and Social Care in North Yorkshire' sets out a shared ambition to be an exemplar of how to deliver an integrated approach to health and social care in a complex, rural economy. The plan was agreed at the last Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 2.4 The first submission, made on 14th February 2014, was reviewed by a peer authority and NHS England.
- 2.5 Further work was done on the plan prior its subsequent, final submission on 4th April 2014.

3.0 Current Status of the submission

- 3.1 Following further peer and NHS England reviews, feedback on the resubmitted plan was received on 23rd April 2014.
- 3.2 The second review resulted in 0 Red ratings, 6 Amber ratings and 10 Green ratings.
- 3.3 The two key areas of Deliverability and Affordability, whilst given Amber ratings, are considered by the NHS England Area Team to be of high risk, in common with BCF plans submitted by other HWBs in the local area and nationally, due to the challenging nature of moving resources from acute to preventative services.

- 3.4 The plan now awaits ministerial sign-off; this was expected by the end of April 2014 but indications are this timescale may slip.

4.0 BCF – Integrated Commissioning Board

- 4.1 The Integrated Commissioning Board (ICB) considered the results of the submission at its meeting on 24th April 2014.
- 4.2 It concluded that, whilst the improved feedback from peer and NHS England was welcome, there is still much to do to enact the plans within the BCF across NYCC and the CCGs and the NHS Provider Trusts.
- 4.3 2014/15 has been deliberately positioned within the plan as a foundation year, designed to get key services in place ahead of more ambitious targets in 2015/16.
- 4.4 ICB reiterated the need to ensure that goals will be achieved by delivering locally within county-wide outcomes and standards whilst working across a right-sized footprint for any given issue and utilising robust programme and project management arrangements.

5.0 Next Steps

- 5.1 Sponsored by ICB, work is now underway to consider implementation, resource and governance arrangements, with a workshop to jointly agree requirements and propose recommendations for next steps.
- 5.2 In the interim, actions to implement many of the initiatives contained within the plan are already underway in CCGs and localities across North Yorkshire. The work noted in (5.1) above will be undertaken to ensure that that activity is delivered effectively.

6.0 Recommendation(s)

- 6.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to:
- note the current status of the BCF submission and plans
 - endorse the actions put in place by the ICB to plan for the successful implementation of the BCF plan in the next two years

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