



North Yorkshire Better Care Fund Plan

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Summary:

The report updates Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) on the submission of the 2016/17 North Yorkshire Better Care Fund Plan and subsequent arrangements to further improve joint working between health and social care in North Yorkshire

Which of the themes and/or enablers in the North Yorkshire Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy are addressed in this paper?

[Please tick as appropriate]

Themes	✓
Connected Communities	✓
Start Well	✓
Live Well	✓
Age Well	✓
Dying Well	✓
Enablers	
A new relationship with people using services	✓
Workforce	✓
Technology	✓
Economic Prosperity	

How does this paper fit with other strategies and plans in place in North Yorkshire?

The Better Care Fund is a financial incentive for the integration of health and social care and as such enables delivery of a number of joint strategies and plans within North Yorkshire. E.g. Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, New Care Models, Dementia etc

What do you want the Health & Wellbeing Board to do as a result of this paper?

It is recommended that Health and Wellbeing Board:-

- Note the submission and draft approval of the North Yorkshire Better Care Fund Plan
- Acknowledge the cooperation between partners in reaching agreement to the North Yorkshire Better Care Fund Plan
- Note the development of a joint commissioning programme by the North Yorkshire Commissioner Forum and agree to receive updates in due course.



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1. Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to update Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) on the submission of the 2016/17 North Yorkshire Better Care Fund Plan and subsequent arrangements to further improve joint working between health and social care in North Yorkshire.

2. Background

- 2.1. Better Care Fund plans for 2016/17 were due for submission to NHS England for assurance on the 3rd of May 2016.
- 2.2. Whilst informal feedback at that time indicated North Yorkshire had developed a good narrative plan, arrangements were made with NHS England to extend the submission date to the 13th of May. This was to allow additional time for health and social care partners in North Yorkshire to agree how to meet the requirements of the Better Care Fund to maintain social care and submit a fully signed plan. Without this the plan would not meet all national conditions and therefore would not be assured by NHS England.
- 2.3. At its meeting of the 6 May the Health and Wellbeing Board considered the draft plan and agreed delegated arrangements for signing off the plan.
- 2.4. Agreement to maintain social care to the required level was not reached by the 13th of May leading to the submission of an unsigned plan. This triggered an escalation process requiring Clinical Commissioning Group Chief Officers, North Yorkshire County Councils Chief Executive and the Health and Wellbeing Board Chair to attend a national panel on the 7th of June. The outcome of the panel was an agreement which would enable North Yorkshire HWB to ensure the protection of social care to the sum of £13.4m and submit a compliant plan for assurance by the 29th of July.
- 2.5. A progress update was provided to NHS England on 10th July and an updated but still unsigned narrative plan was submitted on the 15th of July following discussion at Health and Wellbeing Board on that day.
- 2.6. The Board acknowledged, the financial challenges faced by the NHS and the Council along with the difficult decisions needed and the efforts of all involved to reach agreement. The Board also reiterated delegated arrangements for signing off the plan.

3. Current position

- 3.1. There has been good cooperation between partners in meeting the requirement to maintain social care and as a result agreement to the plan was reached on the 29th of July with a fully signed plan being submitted to NHS England on the 5th of August. A copy of the narrative plan is provided as an appendix.
- 3.2. The additional delay in submission was agreed with NHS England in acknowledgement of the work required to make final amendments to the plan and liaise with multiple Clinical Commissioning Groups.
- 3.3. To ensure the submitted plan reflected the required level of support, the Council agreed a 'cash flow' amount to meet a funding gap in 2016/17 on the basis that full year effect of the proposals will be achieved in 2017/18.
- 3.4. On the 15th of August notification was received via email from NHS England to advise that following assessment against the Better Care Fund assurance process, the plan is approved though with a caveat that this is a draft rating with a formal approval rating to be communicated via letter from the National Team. .
- 3.5. Partners acknowledge that reaching agreement to the 2016/17 Better Care Fund plan for North Yorkshire has been difficult and as a result are committed to learning from the experience and building on the progress made over last few years in order to work better together in the future.
- 3.6. Consequently, and borne in part out of discussions and proposals to meet the requirements of the Better Care Fund, the North Yorkshire Commissioner Forum are currently developing a programme of joint commissioning reaching beyond the confines of the Better Care Fund, to support sustainability of the local health and social care system over the longer term. Progress updates will be provided to Health and Wellbeing Board in due course.

4. Recommendations

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