

Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board
Meeting to be held on 28th January 2014

Electoral Division affected: All

Better Care Fund Templates

(Appendices A, B, C, D and E refer)

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Executive Summary

Increases in demand for health and social care services, an ageing population, widening health and social inequalities and financial constraints require transformational change for all agencies working in Lancashire to shift resources to where they will make the biggest positive difference.

The Government is introducing a £3.8 billion pooled budget (nationally) for health and social care services, known as the Better Care Fund, to deliver better outcomes and greater efficiencies through more integrated services.

The Better Care Fund plans are required to be signed off by Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBs) before being submitted to NHS England and signed off by the Department of Health.

Recommendation

The Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

1. Discuss the content of the five Better Care Fund templates as set out in the attached appendices.
2. Authorise the Chair and Deputy Chair to sign off the five templates on behalf of the Health & Wellbeing Board by the 14th February 2014 deadline together with any further amendments which need to be submitted to NHS England by the 4th April 2014.

Background and Advice

In 2014/15 additional funds will be allocated to promote integration and delivery of the national conditions.

Plans must deliver:

- Protecting social care services; this includes preventative services that may have otherwise had to be cut, but also by reducing on-going care costs via rehabilitation and reablement, use of community assets and reduction in the use of long term residential care.
- 7-day services to support discharge from hospital
- Data sharing and the use of the NHS number
- Joint assessments and lead professionals for people with complex needs

Half of the allocation will be performance related and expected to deliver improvements in the following areas.

- Delayed transfers of care
- Emergency admissions
- Effectiveness of reablement
- Admissions to residential and nursing care
- Patient and service-user experience
- A locally determined performance outcome measure

Attached as Appendices A to E are the draft "first cut" templates for the following areas.

- A. Chorley & South Ribble and Greater Preston (jointly)
- B Lancashire North
- C West Lancashire
- D Fylde and Wyre
- E East Lancashire

As part of a resolution from full County Council on the 12th December, 2013 the Health and Wellbeing Board was requested to ensure that home adaptations and Disabled Facility Grants are included adequately in the Integration Transformation Fund (now known as the Better Care Fund) Plan. This request has been included in the formulation of the individual templates.

Governance

The Health and Wellbeing Board is required to sign off the plan for its constituent councils and CCGs. The BCF plan must be developed as a fully integral part of each CCG's wider strategic 5 year plan and operational 2 year plan, but the Better Care Fund elements must be capable of being extracted to be seen as a stand-alone plan with the relevant local authority.

The Health and Wellbeing Board should provide the "first cut" of their completed Better Care Plan template by 14th February 2014. It is proposed therefore that the Chair and Deputy Chair be authorised to sign off the five templates on behalf of the Health and Wellbeing Board, together with any further amendments which need to be submitted to NHS England by the 4th April 2014.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

The implications and risks are as set out in the individual templates

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
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N/A

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A