

## Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board

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Lancashire Better Care Fund (BCF) Plan Evaluation and Update

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### Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to inform the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board of the findings of an evaluation into the impact of the delivery of the BCF plan 2015/16.

An evaluation of the delivery and impact of the Lancashire Better Care Fund has been carried out that contrasts varied performance against the BCF metrics with a view of good scheme development and delivery.

Performance, across Lancashire, in the areas of Non Elective Admissions (NEA) and Delayed Transfers of Care (DTC) did not meet the 2015/16 BCF targets. It did however see a reduction of NEAs against the baseline of 2014/15 and performance against both remains better than the overall England level.

The metrics for the reduction in Residential and Nursing Home admissions and the successful impact of Reablement services show a very positive trend across the county.

Savings attributable to BCF activity were apparently lower than anticipated but are unlikely to be accurately measured currently.

There is a need for continued development of the evaluation framework and sets out how that is being developed.

The Lancashire BCF plan for 2016/17 has been approved by NHS England, with go ahead for delivery given. Future reports to the board will advise on progress of delivery of the plan.

### Recommendation/s

The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:

1. Note the findings of the BCF evaluation report
2. Support the continued development of a BCF evaluation framework.
3. Receive regular reports on progress of the delivery of the 2016/17 BCF plan

### Background

The board has previously received reports on the Lancashire BCF plan 2015/16 and sought an evaluation of the impact of the delivery of that plan.

The Lancashire Better Care Fund Plan for 2016/17 received formal approval on 14th July 2016. This was in line with approval for all BCF plans nationally. The plan was approved, for submission, by the Health and Wellbeing board, as BCF accountable body, at its meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

The board will receive reports, during the year, on the delivery of the plan, associated developments and more detailed evaluation of its impact.

### **Evaluation of the BCF 2015/16**

A report attached at Appendix A provides an evaluation of the impact of the Lancashire Better Care Fund 2015/16.

The conclusions reached in the evaluation are:

There has been mixed success when measured against the BCF metrics.

- Performance against the Non Elective Admissions and Delayed Transfers of Care worsened towards the end of the year reflecting the national position of increasing demand and complexity of need. Lancashire performance has been better than the national picture.
- The position regarding both residential admissions and the effectiveness of reablement is more positive indicating that there is an impact upon support for the most vulnerable and diversion from long term care is working.
- The dementia diagnosis rate good level of performance is in line with aspirations and priority given to it across the county and the patient satisfaction level shows an overall increasing level of satisfaction despite the challenges in the system.

Potential financial savings to the health and social care system are reduced as a result of the level of performance. This was an expected level of saving in 2015/16 of £6,804,081 against an “actual”, £1,625,820. Great caution is needed when considering these figures due to the many other factors affecting the high level performance metrics.

There is a good level of both development and delivery of the outputs of BCF schemes in all areas of the county.

The assessment of the actual impact of the schemes does not go beyond an almost unanimous “moderate” due to the challenge and lack of confidence in identifying the connection between activity and outcome rather than genuine “moderate” performance.

There is an overall indication of significant progress and in terms of the metrics some challenges requiring wider analysis.

To fill any gaps in understanding the impact of the BCF, there is a need for the continued development of a consistent robust, yet simple, evaluation framework.

The report recommends:

- The continued development of the evaluation framework, based around logic modelling, also including the use of proxy indicators giving more immediate sense of progress used alongside the use of patient experience measures.
- Continued sharing with and learning from BCFs of Blackburn with Darwen and Blackpool.
- The alignment of the BCF evaluation framework with the approach being taken in the Lancashire and South Cumbria Change and STP programmes.