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**To: Coventry Health and Wellbeing Board**

**Date: 7<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

**From: Marc Greenwood, Programme Delivery Manager, on behalf of the Better Care Programme Board**

**Subject: Quarter 1 2015/16 Better Care Fund Submission**

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## **1 Purpose**

The purpose of the report is to provide the Health and Wellbeing Board with an overview of the latest Better Care Fund (BCF) submission, as required by the Department of Health and NHS England. The due date for the submission was the 28<sup>th</sup> August and therefore this item is for information only.

## **2 Recommendations**

Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to acknowledge the content of the report and current status of the Better Care Coventry Programme as detailed here in.

## **3 Information/Background**

The BCF submission covers six key areas:

- i. **Budget arrangements** – whether a section 75 agreement is in place, which it is in Coventry;
- ii. **National Conditions** – Nationally pre-determined conditions that are expected to be met as part of the implementation of BCF across local areas;
- iii. **Non-elective admissions and payment for performance calculations** – This covers the latest quarter's non elective admissions rate and locally agreed payment for performance figures;
- iv. **Income and expenditure profile** – The latest income and expenditure profiles;
- v. **Performance against local metrics** – Local performance metrics were agreed at the beginning of the programme and progress is recorded here;
- vi. **Understanding support needs** – This is a new section for this quarter's return and seeks the views of local areas on what type of support would be helpful from the national BCF team.

The primary aim of the submission is to provide assurance to the Department of Health, Local Government Association and NHS England that local areas have arrangements for managing joint budgets and improvements, as measured against the national conditions, and they are beginning to be delivered.

### **3.1 National Conditions**

The National Conditions were set at the beginning of the Better Care Fund process and all local areas across the country are measured against them. The submission provides insight into whether local areas have plans fully operational, in the progress of being developed or no plans in place to deliver the conditions.

Within Coventry we have made good progress in delivering against the National Conditions. Five of the conditions are now in place and there are three that are currently in the process of being developed, which are:

- Delivery of 7 day services to support discharge and prevent unnecessary admission.
- Use of the NHS number as the primary identifier across all partner organisations.
- The development of a joint assessment and care planning approach with a lead accountable professional.

Progress is being made against these conditions and they are planned to be met by the end of the calendar year.

### **3.2 Summary**

Overall the submission demonstrates positive progress locally towards delivery of the Better Care Fund priorities. Further updates will be provided to the Health and Wellbeing board at future meetings.

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### **Appendices**

- Copy of the Quarter 1 Better Care Fund Submission