



To: Coventry Health and Wellbeing Board

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From: Marc Greenwood

Subject: Better Care Fund 2016/17

1 Purpose

- 1.1** The Better Care Fund programme requires sign-off by Coventry City Council, Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust (CWPT), University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire (UHCW) and Coventry and Rugby Clinical Commissioning Group (CRCCG). The programme pools together £53m worth of funding. This is set against a total spend within the health and care economy of approximately £800m. The sign off process for 2016/17 requires final plans to be submitted by 25th April 2016.
- 1.2** This report briefly outlines the content of the BCF submission and the sign off process for the 2016/17 Better Care Fund.

2 Recommendations

2.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to:

1. Agree the 2016/17 priorities of the BCF Plan
2. Support the inclusion of a workforce work stream in the 2016/17 plans. This work stream will be further scoped in line with the Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP). Plans will be brought back to a future board once further scoped.
3. Provide the Chair, Councillor Caan, with delegated responsibility to approve the final Better Care Fund plan on behalf of the Health and Wellbeing Board, before submission on the 25th April.

3 Information/Background

- 3.1** The continuation of the Better Care Fund was announced in 2015. The Department of Health, Department for Communities and Local Government and NHS England have committed support to the on-going delivery of the programme. The Better Care Fund will be incorporated into the STP's that NHS England are coordinating across all local health and care economies.

- 3.2** There is an expectation Better Care Funds in 2016/17 will not see a reduction in the agreed pooled budget from the 2015/16 allocations. Within Coventry we have continued to commit the £53m agreed for 2015/16.
- 3.3** Through using the Better Care Fund as a programme for change a range of improvements have been made across the local health and care system in 2015//16. These include:
- Introduction of the multi-agency Integrated Neighbourhood Teams;
 - Creation of joint assessment protocols for social care and Continuing Health Care;
 - Development of a shared care record to be used across health and social care partners to support the delivery of initiatives, including Urgent Primary Care Assessment and Integrated Neighbourhood Teams;
 - Rollout of the telecare responder service in partnership with West Midlands Fire Service;
 - Implementation of the Discharge to Assess model for dementia patients, delivered through Crossroads care.

4 2016/17 priorities

- 4.1** Better Care Fund programme priorities for 2016/17 include work to address the on-going challenges faced within the system relating to non-elective admissions and delayed transfers of care. In support of this the System Wide Transformation programme will report progress on delivery through Better Care with the aim of bringing both programmes closer together. The System Wide Transformation Programme includes the following developments:
1. A community support model to prevent people needing to be admitted to hospital
 2. A frailty assessment pathway
 3. A therapeutic model that provides enabling support both in hospital and the community
- 4.2** The System Wide Transformation programme will continue to be supported by the development and wider rollout of the Integrated Neighbourhood Teams model.
- 4.3** Information sharing remains a priority for the programme. The existing Information Sharing group will lead on issues relating to shared patient records and digital innovations.
- 4.4** Work commenced in 2015/16 to support the return to Coventry of adults with Learning Disabilities and Mental Health issues, placed out of city. This will continue in 2016/17. The changes will offer opportunities to improve outcomes for service users and their carers whilst reducing expenditure on high cost packages of support. There will also be consideration given to opportunities to further join up commissioning arrangements across health and social care.
- 4.5** An addition to the 2016/17 plan will be a work stream on workforce. This work stream will identify opportunities for working collaboratively across health, social care and our partners to tackle workforce issues relating to skill and capacity shortages. This work stream is still to be scoped and will be developed in line with the STP. It is proposed that plans are brought back to a future meeting once further scoped.

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