

REPORT FOR DECISION

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DECISION OF:	Health & Wellbeing Board
DATE:	30 January 2014
SUBJECT:	Better Care Fund
REPORT FROM:	Pat Jones-Greenhalgh, Executive Director Adult Care Services
CONTACT OFFICER:	Julie Gonda Assistant Director, Commissioning & Procurement, Adult Care Services
TYPE OF DECISION:	For Decision by the Committee
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/STATUS:	This paper is within the public domain
SUMMARY:	The Better Care Fund is a pooled budget introduced by the Department of Health with the aim of supporting the development of appropriate integrated health and social care. The Health & Wellbeing Board are required to sign off the Better Care Fund plan.
OPTIONS & RECOMMENDED OPTION	That the Health and Wellbeing Board: Sign off this first working draft of the Better Care Fund Plan to be submitted to NHS England 14 February 2014; Delegate authority for the sign off of the final plan, to be submitted to NHS England 4 April 2014, to Chair of Health & Wellbeing Board, Executive Director of Adult Care Services and Chief Officer, Bury CCG.

IMPLICATIONS:	
Corporate Aims/Policy Framework:	Do the proposals accord with the Policy Framework?
Statement by the S151 Officer: Financial Implications and Risk Considerations:	<p>This report sets out an initial draft of the proposed use of the Better Care Fund.</p> <p>A draft submission to NHS England is required by 14th February, with a final version to be submitted by 4th April.</p> <p>The plan has been prepared jointly with Bury Clinical Commissioning Group and analyses proposed spend over four broad headings.</p> <p>It should be noted that the conditions of the Better Care Fund restrict spend to Adult Social Care, and an element is based upon "payment by results".</p>
Statement by Executive Director of Resources:	Comments from the Executive Director of Resources will be reported at the meeting.
Equality/Diversity implications:	EA is being completed as part of the process of drafting this plan; a final version will be submitted in line with BCF plan deadlines.
Considered by Monitoring Officer:	<p>The plan is to be jointly agreed between the Council and the CCG as one of the national conditions. Under Guidance, each statutory Health and Well Being Board is to sign off the draft plan for its constituent Council and CCG.</p> <p>JH</p>
Wards Affected:	All
Scrutiny Interest:	Health Scrutiny Committee meeting on 28 January 2014

TRACKING/PROCESS

DIRECTOR:

Chief Executive/ Strategic Leadership Team	Executive Member/Chair	Ward Members	Partners

Scrutiny Committee	Committee	Council	

1.0 Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to give an overview of the Better Care Fund Plan to members of the Health & Wellbeing Board, and request sign off of the first draft submission. It is not proposed to present the detail of the plan within this covering report as this has been separately submitted to members.

2.0 Background

It is being proposed to use the Better Care Fund in Bury to redesign how health and social care across the borough is currently delivered, in line with Government expectations. In the future, the focus will be more on working to prevent people requiring health and social care services and, where they do, being more proactive in identifying people who are at risk and having more joined up and active care plans. The aim, wherever possible, will be to help people to stay at home and remain independent for as long as possible.

Bury CCG and Local Authority are committed to transforming the whole health and social care system over the next five years to support people and enable them to live in their own homes and communities, with appropriate, person centred co-ordinated care.

The plan is working to three broad deliverables in terms, which will help to achieve the vision. These themes are:

- Staying well – prevention and early intervention;
- Reablement and intermediate care and
- Integrated community services.

The proposed spending plan of the Better Care Fund, as outlined in the funding schedule of the document, is structured in line with these three themes, currently at a high level. Further detail is being worked through and will be submitted with the final plan on 4 April 2014.

3.0 Issues

Due to the short timescales within which this plan has been produced, it should be noted that the version of the plan submitted to the Health & Wellbeing Board today is very much a working draft. However, whilst the content needs refining and finalising, the messages within it are consistent with what will finally be reported.

4.0 Conclusion

Health & Wellbeing Board members are requested to sign off this first working draft of the Better Care Fund Plan to be submitted to NHS England 14 February 2014; and

Delegate authority for sign off of the final plan to Chair of Health & Wellbeing Board, Executive Director of Adult Care Services and Chief Officer, Bury CCG. The final plan has to be submitted to NHS England by 4 April 2014.

List of Background Papers:-



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