

Health and Wellbeing Board

11 March 2015

Report from the Chief Clinical Officer – NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group

York Better Care Fund (BCF) Update

Summary

1. This report asks the Health and Wellbeing Board to note progress made and to continue their support of the implementation and delivery of the Better Care Fund plan.

Background

2. This report updates the Health and Wellbeing Board on progress with the Better Care Fund approval process and gives an oversight on performance monitoring and performance delivery to date.

Main/Key Issues to be Considered

3. As highlighted at January's Health and Wellbeing Board, an updated Better Care Fund plan was submitted to NHS England on 10 December for approval. The refreshed plan has been taken through the Nationally Consistent Assurance Review (NCAR) process and on 21 January the plan was **Approved with Support**. This is a significant move forward since the last assessment and as highlighted by the National Director of Commissioning Operations at NHS England

“It is clear that your team and partners have worked very hard over the last year, making valuable changes to your plan in order to improve people's care”

and

“We are confident that there were no areas of high risk in your plan (other than the ambitious 11.7% reduction in non- elective admissions) and as such you should progress with your plan's implementation”

4. Whilst we now have permission to progress with our plan, as described in detail at the January Health and Wellbeing Board, we still have to provide further assurance around our non- elective admissions reduction in order to ensure we mitigate the risk of under-contracting with our main acute provider (York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust). This assurance is being delivered through the NHS Operational Planning Process and will be complete by the end of March when it is envisaged our BCF plan will be fully approved.
5. As part of the process for building the BCF budget we are working through the requirements to sign a Section 75 agreement, which will facilitate the transfer of funds from NHS Vale of York CCG to City of York Council. This process is being replicated across all Health and Wellbeing Boards in England and our current position is in line with other organisations. Key issues which are still being discussed include which organisation will host the agreed BCF pooled budget, what is included and excluded from the risk share element of the pooled budget and what payment mechanisms need to be put in place to facilitate this budget. The Section 75 agreement needs to be agreed and signed by 31 March 2015. The upcoming period of Purdah has potential to impact on this timeline.
6. We have developed an interim performance monitoring dashboard to help us understand and manage the delivery of our BCF targets and improvements. At the time of writing this report, the final model has yet to be agreed but it is hoped to give a verbal update on 11 March around progress with implementation of this model.

Consultation

7. We have continued to consult with partners in the development of our BCF plan and as we move deeper into the implementation phase throughout 2015, we will update and improve our consultation sessions with wider stakeholders and interested parties.

Options

8. Not applicable

Analysis

9. Not applicable

Strategic/Operational Plans

10. The BCF plan is aligned with, and complements the NHS Vale of York CCG Strategic Plan 2014-19 and its Operational Plan 2014-16 and the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

Implications

11. Not applicable

Risk Management

12. Not applicable

Recommendations

13. The Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to accept this update report and continue to support the implementation and delivery of our Better Care Fund plan.

Reason: To be kept informed of progress on the Better Care Fund programme

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Report
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Specialist Implications Officer(s) None

Wards Affected:

All

For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers:

None

Annexes

None