
Health and Wellbeing Board

2 April 2014

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive of City of York Council and the Chief Clinical Officer of NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group

The Better Care Fund Plan

1. This report accompanies the latest version of York's Better Care Fund plan (attached as Annex A and B).
2. It is requested that the Health and Wellbeing Board:
 - a. Review and agree the Better Care Fund plan.
 - b. Accept that work will continue to fine tune the plan up until the NHS England deadline, 4th April.
 - c. Agree that the Chair can formally sign off the Better Care Fund final plan on behalf of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Background

3. The Better Care Fund (formerly known as the Integrated Care Fund) has been set up to support councils and Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) to deliver their local plans for integrating health and social care. The fund amount is £3.8 billion nationally; this represents a top slice (3%) of CCG budgets to be reinvested in local integration plans (it should be noted that this is not new money and therefore we must develop our plans wisely in order to derive the maximum benefits for our residents).
4. At the Health and Wellbeing Board on 29th January 2014, the initial plan for York's Better Care Fund was approved (link to this report attached as a background paper). Following this approval, the plan was submitted to NHS England on 14th February. This cover report introduces the latest version of the Better Care Fund plan which will be sent to NHS England on 4th April.

Summary

5. York's integration plan is a 5 year plan, which is wider than the Better Care Fund and extends beyond the course of this fund. The Better Care Fund is one of many elements of our five year plan, enabling us to test a number of specific schemes throughout 2014/15, for delivery in 2016/17. The Better Care Fund is not the totality of York's vision for integrating health and social care.
6. The Better Care Fund has to be submitted to NHS England on 4th April. Work will continue on the Better Care Fund after the publication of this paper up until the 4th April deadline to fine tune our submission, however the latest version is attached as Annex A.
7. York's vision for integration has not changed since the Better Care Fund initial plan was presented to Health and Wellbeing Board on 29th January. However, since that date, the development of the plan has been ongoing and there is now much more detail about specific schemes and the finances attached to them. Improved and ongoing dialogue with our partners has allowed us to progress our integration plan and identify this further level of detail. We have also worked to address feedback received following the assurance of our initial Better Care Fund plan from both NHS England and local government peer review.
8. The integration plan is a major change, resulting in a more responsive approach, through increased cross-organisational working and more innovative use of pooled budgets, leading to true personal wellness budgets. This will require significant practice and system change, with an increased focus on partnership working that will deliver improved outcomes for residents and organisational financial benefits.

Consultation

9. Since the past Health and Wellbeing Board meeting, two further events have taken place: a large scale stakeholder event and a development session with members of York's Health and Wellbeing Board.

10. The stakeholder event took place on 10th March and was attended by 100 people, from community volunteers, to social care managers and pharmacists.

The purpose of the event was to inform a variety of stakeholders about how the Health and Wellbeing Board are working to achieve more integrated care and support over the next five years, including the Better Care Fund and to give stakeholders opportunities to be involved and give their views in the early stages of our integration plan. We are currently analysing comments received from this event so we can address them in our integration planning and delivery. A link to the presentations used at this event is attached as a background paper.

11. On 17th March members of the Health and Wellbeing Board along with senior lead officers met to discuss the development of our local integration plan. Discussions included feedback on the initial plan, development new models of care for elderly patients, improving mental health services, data sharing and developing a joint communications strategy across the organizations on the Health and Wellbeing Board for our integration plan. Since January a number of meetings have also taken place between the council, NHS Vale of York and individual members of the Board to ensure there is ongoing dialogue with our partners.

Options

12. It is a requirement that Health and Wellbeing Boards sign off Better Care Fund local integration plans.

Analysis

13. Not applicable

Strategic/Operational Plans

14. Supporting the integration of health and social care services is a core purpose of Health and Wellbeing Boards. This is a key theme running through York's Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2013-16 and is related to all five priorities, with particular relevance to 'Creating a financially sustainable local health and social care system'. Integration is a fundamental element in the Vale of York CCG Strategic Plan 2014-19 and their Operational Plan 2014-16.

Implications

15. As our integration plan develops and approaches are tested during 2014/15, the extent of any implications will be identified. There are likely to be a number of implications, including financial, human resources, legal and equalities resulting from this whole system change.

Financial

To be identified

Human Resources (HR)

To be identified

Equalities

To be identified

Legal

To be identified

Crime and Disorder

None

Information Technology (IT)

To be identified

Property

None

Other

None

Risk Management

16. As we develop the details of our five year integration plan and begin testing of new models of care, potential areas of risks will be identified, rated and mitigated. The integration plan is at an early stage, however, integration will only be achieved through genuine partnership working across the NHS Vale of York CCG footprint, which includes North Yorkshire and East Riding local authorities.

Recommendations

17. The Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to:

- a. Review and agree the Better Care Fund plan.
- b. Accept that work will continue to fine tune the plan up until the NHS England deadline, 4th April.
- c. Agree that the Chair can formally sign off the Better Care Fund final plan on behalf of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Reason: So the Health and Wellbeing Board can take full and formal ownership of York's integration plan and the use of the Better Care Fund. It is a requirement that Health and Wellbeing Boards sign off the Better Care Fund plans before they are submitted to NHS England.

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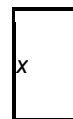
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None

Wards Affected:

All



For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers:

[Health and Wellbeing Board Better Care Fund report](#),

(<http://democracy.york.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=763&MIId=7501&Ver=4>) 29th January

[Presentations](#)

(http://www.york.gov.uk/downloads/download/3189/presentation_-_health_and_wellbeing_board_event_-_10th_march_2014)from the 10th March stakeholder event.

Annexes

Annex A – Better Care Fund plan

Annex B – Better Care Fund finance section

Glossary

CCG – Clinical Commissioning Group