

Health and Wellbeing Board

22 October 2014

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

The Better Care Fund

Summary

1. This report updates the position on York's submission of the initial plan for the Better Care Fund (BCF).

Background

2. 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).

Key Issues to be Considered

3. York's refreshed Better Care plan was submitted to NHS England by the deadline of the 19th September in line with the National Assurance process. The plan has now been initially assessed by the reviewing team, who gave feedback via a teleconference to representatives of both the City of York Council and Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group on the 30th September.
4. The independent assessor advised we had submitted a good plan and that it would now go forward for fuller review and a moderation process. NHS England has advised we will be informed of the outcome of this and receive formal feedback, including any areas we need to continue to work on by the end of

October. We will then have 14 days to decide on a timetable for addressing any actions required.

5. Full national timeline for assurance of the BCF plans and subsequent announcements / re-assurance of plans is as follows:
 - Announcement of National Consistent Assurance Review Results – 29-30/10
 - Action plans agreed with those areas ‘approved subject to conditions’ or ‘not approved’ – 14/11
 - Majority of plans ‘approved subject to conditions’ moved to ‘fully approved’ or ‘approved with support’ assurance categories - 31/12
 - Areas with plans that are ‘not approved’ submit plans for a further Nationally Consistent Assurance Review - 02/01/15
 - Results of ‘not approved’ plans further Nationally Consistent Assurance Review - 30/01/15

Further support for planning and delivery

6. Over the coming months, NHS England advice they will continue to offer support to areas to help refine plans where needed. There will also be support to help areas to prepare for implementation of plans.

Consultation

7. The Collaborative Transformation Board has been running since May 2013, to facilitate engagement with providers and commissioners across the statutory and voluntary sector and Health Watch, to ensure engagement with patients.
8. On 16th December 2013, City of York Council and Vale of York CCG co-hosted a Health and Social Care Integration Workshop, attended by many of the representatives above. The event was used as a platform for communication, engagement and co-design, drawing on local experiences to help prioritise and develop support options for whole-system integration.
9. We are committed to continuing engagement and consultation with residents, patients, providers and other stakeholders. However, it would be helpful for Collaborative Transformation Board and Health and Wellbeing Board to consider how they could support future communications and meaningful engagement with all stakeholders on the Better Care Fund as it develops.

Options

10. Not applicable.

Analysis

11. Not applicable.

Strategic/Operational Plans

12. 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

13. Any implications arising from the issues raised in this information report will be addressed within any associated decision making reports required in the future.

Risk Management

14. As we develop the details of our project fully there are potential areas of risks - these are: HR, financial and reputational. As work continues, these risks will be identified, rated and mitigated. Integration can only be achieved through genuine partnership working across the Vale of York CCG footprint, which includes North Yorkshire and East Riding local authorities.

Recommendation

15. The Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to note the contents of this report.

Reason: To keep the Board informed of the September 19th submission of the refreshed plan.

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All

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