

## **Health and Wellbeing Board**

24 January 2018

Report of the Head of Joint Commissioning Programme, NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and City of York Council.

### **Better Care Fund Update**

#### **Summary**

1. This report is for information. It sets out the following:
  - An update on the Better Care Fund (BCF) assurance process.

#### **Background**

2. The Health and Wellbeing Board has received regular reports from the joint chairs of the Better Care Fund Performance and Delivery Task Group. These reports have informed the board of planning requirements and assurance processes for the 2017-19 period. This report includes an update on the current position.

#### **Main/Key Issues to be Considered**

##### Better Care Fund

3. The Integration and BCF Narrative Plan 2017-19 was submitted on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017, in line with the prescribed timetable.
4. The Better Care Fund assurance process is carried out at both the regional and national levels. York's plan was included in the national assurance and escalation process. This was ongoing at the time of the previous report to the Health and Wellbeing Board. The wording of the BCF narrative plan 2017-19 has been amended to reflect the outcome of the escalation process relating to the Delayed Transfers of Care target and the coding of certain schemes. The plan is unchanged in relation to the funding of schemes. (Final version attached at Annex 1).
5. We received written confirmation that the York Plan was approved on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017, (letter attached at Annex 2).

CYC and the CCG may now proceed to sign the section 75 agreement to pool the BCF fund, in accordance with the plan. The agreement is being updated to reflect the current governance arrangements.

### **Consultation**

6. None.

### **Options**

7. Not applicable.

### **Analysis**

8. Not applicable.

### **Strategic/Operational Plans**

9. As above:
  - Integration and Better Care Fund Plan

### **Implications**

10. One of the key challenges facing partners is our stated desire to progress shared initiatives and grow the level of pooled resource whilst managing the on-going system pressure. Movement towards an accountable care system with localised planning and delivery provides a platform to develop this intent.

### **Risk Management**

11. Risks which have been previously reported to the board in relation to BCF remain relevant.

### **Recommendations**

12. The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note this report.

Reason: To keep the Health and Wellbeing Board informed of progress.

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**Specialist Implications Officer(s)** *List information for all i.e*

None

**Wards Affected:**

All

**For further information please contact the author of the report**  
**Annexes**

Annex A – Final Better Care Fund Plan  
Annex B – Better Care Fund Approval Letter