

BETTER CARE FUND PLAN 2016-17

To: Health and Wellbeing Board

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1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to:

- provide Health and Wellbeing Board with the final Better Care Fund Plan, submitted in May 2016; and
- briefly outline the next steps for the Better Care Fund in Cambridgeshire.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 The Better Care Fund (BCF) creates a pooled budget in each Health and Wellbeing Board area to support health, care and housing services to work more closely together. The BCF is designed to support better integration of health and social care to improve services for the most vulnerable people in the community; provide better support for carers and create efficiencies. The BCF also includes the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) which supports housing adaptations for people with disabilities.

2.2 Cambridgeshire's Better Care Fund plan was submitted to NHS England on 4 May 2016; at the time of writing, Cambridgeshire is awaiting feedback from NHS England and the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS) who will decide whether the plan is 'assured' and can be put into action. A verbal update on the assurance process will be provided at the meeting

3.0 CAMBRIDGESHIRE'S BETTER CARE FUND PLAN 2016/17

3.1 The Cambridgeshire plan has four separate sections:

- Appendix A [attached]: Narrative Plan, which describes the overall approach and budgets that are included in the BCF and how they will be spent
- Appendix B [attached]: Annex E of the Narrative Plan (Huntingdonshire system Delayed Transfers of Care [DTC] Plan)
- Appendix C [attached]: Annex F of the Narrative Plan (Cambridgeshire system DTC Plan)
- Appendix D [not attached to the printed report, but on the Council's website at <http://tinyurl.com/ccc-hwb-2016-05-16> and available on request]: The Submission Template, which provides financial and performance information to support the narrative plan, in the format required by NHS England.

3.2 Following approval of the Plan, the Council and CCG will agree a Section 75 agreement to make arrangements for the pooling of funds. These are agreements made under section 75 of National Health Services Act 2006 between a local authority and an NHS body in England, which allow for pooling of resources and delegating certain NHS and local authority health-related functions to the other partner(s). The Section 75 Agreement will be agreed before the end of June 2016.

3.3 Work on the transformation described in the BCF is underway; updates on progress will be brought to the Health and Wellbeing Board during the year.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 It is recommended that the Health and Wellbeing Board note the report and the Better Care Fund Plan.

Source Documents	Location
Better Care Fund Technical Guidance	https://www.england.nhs.uk/ourwork/part-rel/transformation-fund/bcf-plan/