

REVIEW OF THE BETTER CARE FUND

To: Health and Wellbeing Board

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Recommendations: The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

- **Comment on the review of the BCF contained in the appendix to this report and make any recommendations to inform future planning.**

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1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to introduce a draft report on progress in Better Care Fund delivery over its first two years, and invite comments from the Health and Wellbeing Board.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Better Care Fund (BCF) creates a pooled budget in each Health and Wellbeing Board area, intended to assist health and social care services to work more closely together. In 2016/17, Cambridgeshire's BCF budget is £48,464k. This was formed through a reorganisation of existing funding used to provide health, social care and housing services across the county. In 2017, Cambridgeshire will be required to submit a new, jointly agreed BCF Plan, covering a two year period (April 2017 to March 2019). At the time of writing, guidance for preparation of Better Care Fund plans had not been published.
- 2.2 The report attached summarises progress in delivery of the BCF in its first two years, describing lessons learned for future planning. At the time of writing this report is being finalised and will be finished to inform planning for the BCF in 2017-19. In particular, performance data and commentary on non-elective admissions, delayed transfers of care and patient satisfaction was not yet available at the time of writing; a verbal update will be provided at the meeting. Despite these omissions the report is presented in draft to this meeting to allow comments from the Board to inform development of the new BCF plan.

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to comment on the review of the BCF contained in the appendix to this report and make any recommendations to inform future planning

5 ALIGNMENT WITH THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY

- 5.1 The BCF is relevant to priorities 2, 3, 4 and 6 of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy:
- Priority 2: Support older people to be independent, safe and well.
 - Priority 3: Encourage healthy lifestyles and behaviours in all actions and activities while respecting people's personal choices.
 - Priority 4: Create a safe environment and help to build strong communities, wellbeing and mental health.
 - Priority 6: Work together effectively.

Source Documents	Location
Cambridgeshire BCF Plan 2016/17	Available online: https://cmis.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/ccclive/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/24/Committee/12/Default.aspx