

## **BETTER CARE FUND UPDATE**

To: Health and Wellbeing Board

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### **1.0 PURPOSE**

1.1 To provide the Board with a copy of the Quarterly Report on the BCF in the first quarter of 2015/16, submitted on 28 August. The Quarterly Report is attached as appendices 1 and 2.

### **2.0 BETTER CARE FUND (BCF) QUARTERLY REPORT**

2.1 In August 2015, NHS England and the Local Government Association issued quarterly report templates for the first quarter of 2015/16, for local areas to report on progress with their BCF plans. Cambridgeshire's response was developed by officers and shared with members of the Cambridgeshire Executive Partnership Board (CEPB) and the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board for consultation before submission.

2.2 The submission highlights progress in the various areas of work supported by the BCF in Cambridgeshire. The Board's attention is drawn in particular to the following:

- Some of the national BCF conditions are met and progress is being made in other areas towards delivery
- Non-elective admissions increased in the first quarter of 2015/16, against a target reduction of 1%. We believe that the reasons for underachieving in the non-elective admissions target are largely due to the fact that Q1 has been a period of setting up and mobilisation across the system. The initiatives launched by UnitingCare will take time to have an impact; and the BCF projects themselves are more focused on medium term transformation. However, it will be important to ensure that all organisations are aligned and working to support a reduction in non-elective admissions. A report will be developed for the new Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Partnership Board on the triggers of non-elective admissions; a review of the collective contribution to reducing non-elective admissions; and recommendations to support a reduction in future quarters.

- There has been an underspend in Q1, due to the projects still being in the set-up phase and the Transformation Team not being fully staffed. At present it is not anticipated that there will be a significant underspend at the end of the year.
- The narrative (section 8) highlights progress towards delivery of the projects and delivery of the UnitingCare model, which receives significant funding from the BCF.

2.3 Any feedback received from NHS England will be shared with the Health and Wellbeing Board at a future meeting.

### 3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

The Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Board is invited to comment on and note the Better Care Fund Quarterly Report.

Source Documents	Location
None	