

REPORT TO: Health Policy and Performance Board
DATE: 10 March 2015
REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, Communities
PORTFOLIO: Health and Wellbeing
SUBJECT: Better Care Fund update
WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To update the Board on the Better Care Fund (BCF) plan attached at the Appendix.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the report be noted.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 The BCF was announced in June 2013 as part of the 2013 Spending Round. It provides an opportunity to transform local services so that people are provided with better integrated care and support. The BCF is a joint submission between Halton Borough Council (HBC) and the NHS Halton Clinical Commissioning Group (HCCG).

3.2 During 2015/16 the Fund will be allocated to local areas, where it will be put into pooled budgets under Section 75 joint governance arrangements between HBC and the NHS Halton Clinical Commissioning Group (NHS CCG). With this in mind, the BCF has been developed jointly with the NHS HCCG and in conjunction with the NHS HCCG's 2 year and 5 year plan, a concise key/reference ties the documents together and the detailed schemes are aligned with the consulted 2014/15 commissioning intentions.

3.3 Consultation

Consultation has taken place throughout the drafting of the BCF submission, as follows:

- provider stakeholders including 5 Borough Partnership Mental Health Trust, Halton GPs and the Urgent Care Group
- There was a specific meeting organised with the Chief Executive and Warrington and Halton NHS Foundation Trust, the Director of Service Modernisation at St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, the Director of

Community Services and Operational Director for Integrated Commissioning at Halton to discuss and plan the schemes;

- Discussions have taken place with operational adult social care teams within the borough council; and
- Patients, service users and the public have been fully involved in the development of this plan through the Halton People's Health Forum (HPHF).

3.4 Each statutory Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB) has responsibility for signing off the plan and monitoring its implementation on behalf of its constituent council and CCG. As such, Halton's plan was approved at the HWBB in August 2014.

3.5 Halton submitted their BCF Plan to NHS England and the Local Government Association (LGA) on 12th December 2014. The outcome of the submission was received on 23rd January 2015 in a letter to the NHS Halton CCG and Halton Borough Council stating that the Plan was "Approved" and ready for implementation, with no outstanding conditions.

3.6 **Schemes within the BCF**

Within the BCF there are 17 schemes relating to health and social care. As from 2015/16 the total amount of funding to be released for the BCF is £10,594,000.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 Nationally, the Public Health White Paper and the Care Act both emphasise more preventative services that are focussed on delivering the best outcomes for local people. Locally, the Integrated Commissioning Framework sets out formally the joint arrangements for Commissioning. The joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy includes shared priorities based on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and local consultation.

5.0 **OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The BCF will steer the funding of Health and Social Care over the next two years. In the second year (2015/16), a proportion of the funding allocation will be dependent on successful performance on the non-elective admissions that we identify as part of the plan.

6.0 **IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

None identified.

6.2 **Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**

None identified.

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**
The BCF places more emphasis on preventative services in adult social care and health to ensure the people of Halton are supported to live at home for longer, a reduction in long-term care and a reduction in hospital admissions.

6.4 **A Safer Halton**
None identified.

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**
None identified.

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 A proportion of the BCF funding is reliant on performance relating to non-elective admissions. Performance in this area is expected to reduce once the Urgent Care Centres are fully operational, relieving some pressure on non-elective admissions. This will be monitored through the Better Care ECB.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 None identified.

9.0 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

Document	Place of Inspection	Contact Officer
Better Care Fund Plan	Electronic	Emma Sutton-Thompson