

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

Committee/Panel:	Health and Adult Social Care Select (Overview and Scrutiny) Committee
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1. Introduction and context

1.1 The Better Care Fund is a critical vehicle for advancing the integration agenda for health and local authority social care partners, to transform delivery and address the growing financial challenges across the whole local health and social care economy. The agreed Better Care plan was resubmitted to NHS England in September 2014. Following the National Consistent Assurance Review and a further update in November, we received confirmation in December that the plan had been assured. Partners are committed to progressing our integrated commissioning and delivery plans.

2. Update on progress

2.1 Partners are continuing to work together on a number of areas:

- All six partners have signed up to a risk share agreement as reported to Cabinet and Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) Governing Bodies in October
- Our own peer review gateway in November provided more detail on the project progress. It allowed us to identify where leadership focus and prioritisation of capacity was needed.
- The framework for performance monitoring and evaluation of the progress of BCF efficiency work streams and the benefits realisation of wider system integration has been developed, agreed and will be used to judge progress amongst partners.
- The mobilisation of the out of hospital care model and the efficiency work streams continues in each CCG area. The additional non-recurrent system resilience funds have been used to accelerate plans. In North Hampshire we have introduced a telecare project to support people at risk of falls,

aiming to deliver £500k savings. Discussions are underway with South Central Ambulance Service as a potential additional referral route. This and other technology deployments will be an important enabler to transforming integrated care teams locally.

- Agreement has been reached with the eleven Districts and Boroughs on the approach with the Disabled Facilities Grant that will transfer from Hampshire County Council to them. Arrangements include agreements about sharing information.
- Hampshire Adult Services is also working in partnership with Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust to scope the potential of a more integrated delivery model in each CCG area.
- We are currently formulating the Section 75 agreement in draft that allows us to create a pooled budget as a repository for the fund, a national requirement.
- Discussions about how we create locally based commissioning hubs have begun. This will be supported by an organisational development programme aimed at supporting people to adopt new approaches as partners.
- The funding providing by Health Education Wessex for wider workforce schemes primarily commencing in April 2015 has been agreed.
- The Cabinet Office and Department for Communities and Local Government have approached us to plan meetings and visits during March and April.
- Work with the five CCGs continues to be positive and the recent publication of NHS Planning Guidance and NHS Five Year Forward View¹, reinforces the need for NHS partners to align the Better Care Fund plan with operational and strategic plans.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 The Committee is asked to note the information provided in the report.

¹ <http://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/5yfv-web.pdf>

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	yes
Maximising well-being:	yes
Enhancing our quality of place:	yes

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
Better Care Fund	5983	30 July 2014
Better Care Fund – Section 75 Agreement (Arrangements for a Pooled Budget)	6409	27 January 2015
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives		
	<u>Date</u>	
https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/better-care-fund-how-it-will-work-in-2015-to-2016	12 December 2014	

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

DocumentLocation

None

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equality Duty

1.1 The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- a) The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant characteristic connected to that characteristic;
- b) Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- c) Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

1.2 Equalities Impact Assessment:

Detailed equality analysis of specific BCF projects will be carried out in order to focus and priorities actions to mitigate potential negative equality impacts. These more detailed EIAs will build on the findings set out in the joint EIA (which can be found using the below link) specifically paying attention the issues identified and the actions set out.

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/adultservices/adultservicesprofessionals/aboutas/as-equality-ia-archive.htm>

2 Impact on Crime and Disorder:

2.1 This paper does not request decisions that impact on crime and disorder

3 Climate Change:

3.1 How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

3.2 How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

No impacts have been identified.