

Report of the Director of Collaboration to the meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board to be held on 1st April 2014.

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Subject: Better Care Fund (previously known as the Integration and Transition Fund)

Summary statement:

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The following report provides an outline of the feedback received from NHS England on the 1st Draft of the Better Care Fund plan and the areas of amendment required and seeks approval from the Health and Wellbeing Board to submit the final plan by 4th April, which is an appendix to this report and will follow.

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1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 At the 23rd of January 2014 Health and Wellbeing Board members received a report updating them of progress towards the completion and submission of the district's Better Care Fund plan. That report set out in summary the content of the draft plan which was subsequently authorised by the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Chief Executive of the Council and submitted to NHS England on the 14th February 2014.
- 1.2 The following report provides an outline of the feedback received from NHS England on the 1st Draft of the Better Care Fund plan and the areas of amendment required and seeks approval from the Health and Wellbeing Board to submit the final plan by 4th April, which is an appendix to this report and will follow

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Better Care Fund plan has been reported to the Health and Wellbeing Board in November 2013 and again in January 2014. At these meetings the purpose of the Better Care Fund, the planning guidance and timescales for submission were detailed.
- 2.2 The 1st Draft of the district's Better Care Fund plan was authorised by the chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board on the 14th February 2014 and submitted to NHS England for a process of assurance.
- 2.3 The Health and Wellbeing Board meeting of the 23rd January 2014 resolved the following;

Resolved –

(1) That the Better Care Fund Plan update be noted.

(2) That the Leader in consultation with the Strategic Director, Adult and Community Services be given delegated authority to sign off the draft Better Care Fund Plan.

(3) That the final Better Care Fund Plan be submitted to the Board's meeting on 18 March 2014 for approval.

(4) That an extraordinary Health and Wellbeing Board meeting be provisionally booked in early April in case the Better Care Fund Plan is not ready for approval on the 18 March 2014.

- 2.4 Revisions have been made to the draft plan ready for final submission which is presented to the Board for approval. The revisions have been made following comments from Bradford health and social care overview and scrutiny committee, feedback from the assurance process led by NHS England and recently issued



revised guidance from NHS England related to the explanation for meeting the conditions of the fund and the associate metrics.

- 2.5** We will continue over the coming months to refine the plan in conjunction with health and social care planning processes, and this work will be influencing the 5 year strategy which is still being developed and is not required for submission until later in the year. The Health and Wellbeing Board will be engaged in the process of informing the 5 year strategy through a series of development events planning for April and May 2014.

3. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 That the Board approves the Better Care Fund plan for submission to NHS England by 4th April 2014.
- 4.2 That work continues to refine and develop the plans as the 5 year strategy is developed, to ensure they are aligned and that the 2 year operational plans for all partner organisations are also aligned with the Better Care Fund plans.

5. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Better Care Fund plan – to follow

6. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- 6.1 [Better Care Fund \(previously known as the Integration Transformation Fund\)](#)
Report of the Director of Collaboration to the meeting of Health and Wellbeing Board to be held on 23rd January 2014
- 6.2 [Better Care Fund](#)
Report of the Strategic Director of Adult and Community Services to the meeting of the Health and Social Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee to be held on the 6th March 2014

