

Report of the Adults and Community Services to the meeting of Health and Wellbeing Board to be held on 25th November 2014.

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Subject:

Bradford District Better Care Fund

Summary statement:

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1. SUMMARY

- 1.1. The following report sets out the current arrangements for submission of the Bradford District Better Care Fund. The report details the national assurance process all Better Care Fund Submissions are subject to. The report further details the level of approval the Bradford submission has achieved to date and sets out the further stages of approval the submission needs to go through for final approval.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. In June 2013, the Government announced a £3.8bn pooled fund across health and social care services from 2015/16 to ensure better integration. The Better Care Fund (BCF) provides an opportunity to improve the lives of some of the most vulnerable people in Bradford, to provide them with a better service and better quality of life. The Fund is an important enabler for integrated care.
- 2.2. A Draft Bradford Better Care Plan was initially submitted to the Department of Health in February 2014. A revised plan was then submitted in April 2014. Nationally it was considered that while plans generally met the criteria required they lacked a certain 'rigour and granularity'. As a result a multi-agency taskforce was established to drive forward a process of further iterations of plans to ensure better care for people and a reduction in unnecessary admissions to hospital and long term care.
- 2.3. The Health and Wellbeing Board on the 29th July 2014 received a report detailing revised planning guidance for submission of an updated Bradford District Better Care Plan. That revised plan was submitted on the 19th September 2014. The revised submission was prepared using technical guidance, area specific workshop and teleconferencing with consultants appointed by the National Programme Director for the Better Care Fund.
- 2.4. Initial feedback on the Bradford Plan was received on the 30th September 2014 which sought further information to be included in the plan. A revised submission commenced immediately.
- 2.5. The Plan submitted on the 19th September 2014 was formally assessed and moderated by NHS England working in partnership with Local Government. The outcome of the review process placed BCF Plans in one of four categories
 - Approved
 - Approved with support
 - Approved with conditions
 - Not approved.
- 2.6. The Bradford Plan was approved with conditions on the 30th October 2014. The conditions applicable to the Bradford Plan were set out in a report from the Nationally Consistent Assurance Review (NCAR) and grouped under the following headings



- Condition 1a The plan must further demonstrate how it will meet the national condition of having an agreed impact on acute care sector to prevent people reaching crisis point and reducing the pressures on A&E
 - Condition 4a The plan must address the outstanding narrative risks identified in the NCAR report
 - Condition 4b The plan must address the outstanding financial risks identified in the NCAR report
- 2.7. Overall the review of the Bradford Plan identified a number of issues with regards to the level of detail and the degree of assurance provided. There was a primary concern that the schemes described in the Plan would not deliver the reductions in non elective admissions.
- 2.8. A detailed workbook of actions to be addressed accompanied the Approval notification. A senior representative of the Department of Health has been appointed to support the local planning team to respond to the areas for further development in the Bradford Plan. The representative has met with senior representatives of the respective bodies of the Integration Change Board as part of the assurance methodology.
- 2.9. An action plan in response to the adjudication was developed and submitted to the Department of Health on the 14th November 2014. Revisions to the Bradford Better Care Plan are almost complete and will need approval of the Health and Well Being Board before submission. The revisions are primarily additional narrative in relation to the expansion of the range of existing schemes to deliver the national conditions, albeit the submission of the 19th September followed the 'Technical Guidance' and the workshop advice with Consultants appointed by the National Team.
- 2.10. It is expected that the assessment outcome of this next iteration of the Bradford Plan will be available towards the end of December 2014 at the earliest but no later than January 2015.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

None.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

4.1 None

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

5.1 None



6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

6.1 None

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

None

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

None

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

None

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

None

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

None

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

None

7.6 TRADE UNION

None

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

None

**7.8 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS
(for reports to Area Committees only)**

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None

9. OPTIONS



None

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board are invited to endorse the Bradford Better Care Plan approved by the Chair of the Health and Well Being Board on the 19th September 2014.
- 10.2 The Health and Well Being Board are respectively requested to delegate to the Chair authority to approve the next iteration of the Bradford Plan for submission.

11. APPENDICES

- 11.1 Appendix A - Bradford District Better Care Fund Plan Part 1 – 19th September 2014
- 11.2 Appendix B – Bradford District better Care Fund Plan Part 2 – 19th September 2014

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None

