

# Report of the Director of Finance, Bradford MDC, and the Director of Finance for Bradford City, Bradford Districts & Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven Clinical Commissioning Groups to the meeting of the Bradford and Airedale Health and Wellbeing Board to be held on 19th September 2016

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**Subject: Joint Financial Planning Update**

**Summary statement: An update on Joint Financial Planning and budget discussions for health and social care between Bradford MDC, the Clinical Commissioning Groups and health providers in Bradford District and Craven**

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**Overview & Scrutiny Area:**

**Health and Social Care**



## 1. SUMMARY

An update on Joint Financial Planning and budget discussions for health and social care between Bradford MDC, the Clinical Commissioning Groups and health providers in Bradford District and Craven.

## 2. BACKGROUND

The Finance Directors of the Council, the Clinical Commissioning Groups and the three main health providers discuss their financial plans and budget intentions for the forthcoming year at regular, joint meetings and through involvement in the development of a Sustainability and Transformation Plan for the health and care sector.

The process of developing Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STP) as mandated in NHS Planning Guidance for 2016-17 is ongoing on a West Yorkshire footprint and at local level in Bradford District and Craven. This process has added further detail to what has been acknowledged at previous Health and Wellbeing Board meetings - that there will be a significant gap between the available budget for health and social care services in the years to 2020 and the current level of spend created by high demand for health and social care services in Bradford District and Craven.

The STP process includes work to identify how available resources and budget might be used differently to create greater efficiency and close finance gaps. However the continuing reduction in public sector spending means that this is unlikely to be sufficient, financial efficiencies will need to be matched by shifting the emphasis of service provision further towards improving the health and wellbeing of the population – supporting people to become and remain healthy and independent for longer to reduce demand and to delay the need for social care services as a result of ill-health.

A report was received in February proposing that development of joint commissioning should be pursued for Mental Health services (supported by development of a joint strategy – also on the agenda on 19<sup>th</sup> September) and Learning Disability (supported by the Learning Disability Transformation Plan - reported at the 26<sup>th</sup> July Board meeting). In these two areas it was believed that both value for money and outcomes for the local population could be improved by partners planning and using budgets in a more integrated way. Other areas of joint working between health services and Local Authority Adult and Community Services have been brought together in the Better Care Fund as previously reported to the Board.

## 3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

At the September 2016 Health and Wellbeing Board meeting members will receive a presentation from the Directors of Finance Group to outline current understanding of



financial forecasts to 2020 compared to likely budget pressures as a result of high levels of demand for services, and demographic changes, for example an ageing population.

Increasing demand for services will not be sustainable if current levels of poor health continue. This session will facilitate a discussion of further areas where joint approaches, joint commissioning and integration could help to achieve better value for money and make better use of available resources to improve health and wellbeing, with the aim of enabling people to remain healthy and independent for longer.

#### **4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL**

The presentation at the Board meeting will cover the financial and resource appraisal for the health and social care sector.

#### **5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES**

Governance and risk management for the local Sustainability and Transformation Plan is provided through the Integration and Change Board – a sub-group of the Health and Wellbeing Board and reports up to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Governance and risk management of the West Yorkshire Sustainability and Transformation Plan is still being established, with input from local areas and Chairs of the West Yorkshire Health and Wellbeing Boards.

#### **6. LEGAL APPRAISAL**

Legal appraisal will be undertaken as the finance information presented at the Board meeting is developed through the budget processes of the Council and partner organisations for 2017-18 onwards.

#### **7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

##### **7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY**

##### **7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

The local and West Yorkshire Sustainability and Transformation Plans include Estates workstreams which will contribute to sustainability.

##### **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

## **8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS**

None

## **9. OPTIONS**

None provided

## **10. RECOMMENDATIONS**

10.1 That the Board notes the finance paper, and presentation at the Board Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> September, and provides feedback on further areas of practice where efficiencies could be made and services improved through integration across health and social care or through greater emphasis on prevention and early intervention in health and wellbeing and other services.

## **11. APPENDICES**

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## **12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

None

