

Wiltshire Council

Health and Wellbeing Board

16 January 2014

Whole Systems Approach to Better Care

Executive Summary

Integrating care is imperative to delivering better care. Wiltshire Council and Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) want people who use health and social care services to say that “My care is planned with people who work together to understand me and my carers, put me in control, co-ordinate and deliver services to achieve my best outcomes”.

The drive for integration of services is being enforced in statute and backed up by a national £3.8bn Integration Transformation (Better Care) Fund which is calling for bold and ambitious plans in response. The use of this Fund will also form part of 5 year strategic and 2 year operational plans for the CCG.

Integration of services is not confined to the services which will be delivered through the use of the Fund. The Council, CCG and other health partners already work closely together in a number of areas, including supporting care at home, reducing admissions to hospital and making the transition from hospital to home as smooth as possible. Joint commissioning, governance, finance and provider arrangements have been developed and there is the opportunity to build on this and develop a genuinely whole systems approach to health and social care in Wiltshire.

Proposal(s)

Following a presentation and discussion, it is recommended that the Board agrees to consider the sign off on the plans for the Fund and the CCG’s 5 year strategic plan at its next meeting on 20 March 2014 - or if timescales make this impossible, to delegate sign off on these to the Health and Wellbeing Board Chair and Vice Chair following the CCG Executive on 25th March.

Reason for Proposal

Proposals for the use of the Wiltshire’s element of the Better Care (Integration Transformation) Fund and CCG plans must be agreed by the Health and Wellbeing Board.

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Purpose of Report

1. To provide information on the Better Care Fund, which is being considered as part of the presentation and discussion on developing a whole systems approach to better care.

Background

2. A number of recent developments offer the Health and Wellbeing Board the opportunity to deliver the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and develop a whole system approach to better care. One important element of this is the Better Care Fund (formerly known as the Integration Transformation Fund) announced in the Spending Review. Ministers provided guidance on how this fund can be used to ensure health and social care work closely together on 20 December – a copy of which is attached at **Appendix 1**.
3. Alongside this, NHS England has asked for CCGs to ‘develop bold and ambitious plans that look forward to the next 5 years’. The national timetable requires that CCG Boards have plans in place, shared with Health and Wellbeing Boards, by 31 March 2014, particularly that a ‘good first draft’ of the first 2 Years’ Operating Plan element be made available by 14 February 2014. The local Better Care Plan will form an integral part of the CCG’s Strategic and Operational Plans.
4. Understanding that a coordinated approach is required, the Board will receive a presentation covering the following elements:
 - Better Care (Integration Transformation) Fund
 - CCG 5 Year Plan development
 - Children
 - NHS England
 - Finance
5. Feedback from a stakeholder event which took place on 14 January will also be provided.

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Appendix 1: Letter from Ministers on the Better Care Fund