

	<u>Agenda Item: 10</u>
Report to:	Birmingham Health & Wellbeing Board
Date:	26 January 2016
TITLE:	BIRMINGHAM BETTER CARE FUND UPDATE AND PLANNING FOR 2016/17
Organisation	Partnership of City Council, Local NHS, Voluntary Sector
Presenting Officer	Alan Lotinga
Report Type:	Endorsement

1. Purpose:

To ensure that the Health and Wellbeing Board comply with the requirements of the national Better Care Fund Policy in ensuring they are overseeing delivery of the 2015/16 Plan and the development and ultimately sign off of the 2016/17 Plan. The final technical guidance has not yet been received so the report is based upon assumptions and guidance that is available with a request for the Board to delegate sign off the required BCF 2016/17 submissions on 8th February and 11th April to the Chair, in consultation with CCG Chairs.

2. Implications:

BHWP Strategy Priorities	Child Health	
	Vulnerable People	Y
	Systems Resilience	Y
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment		
Joint Commissioning and Service Integration		
Maximising transfer of Public Health functions		
Financial		Y
Patient and Public Involvement		
Early Intervention		
Prevention		

3. Recommendation

To note the progress on delivery of the 15/16 plan and accept the proposals for sign off of the 16/17 plan with associated risks and issues to be resolved.

4. Background

- 4.1 The Policy Guidance for 2016/17 Better Care Fund has been released ahead of the anticipated technical guidance.
- 4.2 The framework requires CCGs and local authorities to pool budgets and agree an integrated spending plan for their allocation. The Better Care Fund is one of a number of policies which support the integration of health and social care services e.g. New Models of Care, and these need to be locally aligned.
- 4.3 There are a number of key changes to the 2015/16 policy the most significant of these being the removal of the non-elective admissions payment for performance element to be replaced by 2 new national conditions requiring local areas to:
- Fund NHS commissioned out-of-hospital services which may include social care.
 - Develop a clear focused action plan to reduce DTOCs to an agreed local target.
- 4.4 Of the £3.519 billion Better Care Fund allocation to Clinical Commissioning Groups, £2.519 billion of that allocation will be available upfront to Health and Wellbeing Boards to be spent in accordance with the local Better Care Fund plan. The remaining £1 billion of Clinical Commissioning Group Better Care Fund allocation will be subject to a new national condition (out of hospital services as described above).
- 4.5 NHS England and the Government will allocate the Better Care Fund to local areas based on a framework agreed with Ministers. For 2016-17, the allocation will be based on a mixture of the existing Clinical Commissioning Group allocations formula, the social care formula, and a specific distribution formula for the Disabled Facilities Grant element of the Better Care Fund.
- 4.6 Within the Better Care Fund allocation to Clinical Commissioning Groups is £138m to support the implementation of the Care Act 2014 and other policies (£135m in 2015-16). Funding previously earmarked for reablement (over £300m) and for the provision of carers' breaks (over £130m) also remains in the allocation.

4.7 Conditions of Access to the Better Care Fund

4.7.1 In 2016/17 NHS England has attached the following conditions to allocation of Better Care Fund monies:

- A requirement that the Better Care Fund allocation is transferred into one or more pooled funds established under section 75 of the NHS Act 2006.
- A requirement that Health and Wellbeing Boards jointly agree plans for how the money will be spent, with plans signed-off by the relevant local authority and Clinical Commissioning Group(s).
- A requirement that plans are approved by NHS England in consultation with DH and DCLG.
- A requirement that a proportion of the area's allocation will be subject to a new condition around NHS commissioned out of hospital services, which may include a wide range of services including social care.

4.7.2 In addition the Better Care Fund Plan will need to demonstrate how the following conditions will be achieved:

- Plans to be jointly agreed;
- Maintain provision of social care services;
- Agreement for the delivery of 7-day services across health and social care to prevent unnecessary non-elective (physical **and mental health**) admissions to acute settings and to facilitate transfer to alternative care settings when clinically appropriate;
- Better data sharing between health and social care, based on the NHS number;
- Ensure a joint approach to assessments and care planning and ensure that, where funding is used for integrated packages of care, there will be an accountable professional;
- Agreement on the consequential impact of the changes on the providers that are predicted to be substantially affected by the plans;
- Agreement to invest in NHS commissioned out-of-hospital services, which may include a wide range of services including social care;
- Agreement on local action plan to reduce delayed transfers of care.

4.7.3 Where conditions are not met NHS England has the ability to withhold, recover or direct the use of funding. They are required to consult with Ministers before using these powers.

5.	Compliance Issues
5.1	<i>Strategy Implications</i>
	The BCF plan directly supports and is consistent with the HWB Strategy's vulnerable people and sustainable system priorities.
5.2	<i>Governance & Delivery</i>
	The BCF governance in 2015/16 has been via a Partnership Programme Board and Commissioning Executive. This will continue until new governance arrangements linked to broader NHS Planning guidance are put in place.
5.3	<i>Management Responsibility</i>
	Alan Lotinga - Chair of BSAB and Lead Director supporting the HWB.

6.	Risk Analysis
	The BCF Programme has its own risk register which is updated monthly and reviewed at the Commissioning Executive and/or Programme Board.

Appendices
Slides to be presented along with this report.

Signatures	
Chair of Health & Wellbeing Board (Councillor Paulette Hamilton)	<i>P. A Hamilton</i>
Date:	<i>19/1/2015</i>