

**Report to:** East Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board

**Date of meeting:** 20 October 2017

**By:** Director of Adult Social Care and Health

**Title:** 2017-19 Better Care Fund

**Purpose:** This paper provides a summary of the Better Care Fund (BCF) requirements for 2017-19, summarises the East Sussex plans and the arrangements for the Section 75 Pooled Budget

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) is recommended to:

- 1) Note the requirements for 2017/19 Better Care Fund**
  - 2) Note and endorse the East Sussex Better Care Fund Plans 2017-19 and their alignment with the East Sussex Better Together and Connecting 4 You Programmes**
  - 3) Note and endorse the plans to have signed Section 75 Pooled Budget arrangements in place by 30<sup>th</sup> November in line with BCF planning requirements. These arrangements will be in line with the previous agreements for 2016/17**
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## **1. Background**

1.1 NHS England, the Department of Health and Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) published the 2017-19 Integration and Better Care Fund Planning requirements on 3 July 2017.

1.2 The planning guidance confirmed each Better Care Fund Plan (BCF) should consist of:

1. A jointly agreed narrative plan including details of how they are addressing the national conditions; how their BCF plans will contribute to the local plan for integrating health and social care and an assessment of risks related to the plan and how they will be managed.
2. A completed BCF planning template that includes:
  - Confirmed funding contributions from each partner organisation including arrangements in relation to funding within the BCF for specific purposes;
  - A scheme-level spending plan demonstrating how the fund will be spent;
  - Quarterly plan figures for the national metrics

1.3 The BCF for 2017/18 and 2018/19 has four National Conditions:

1. That a BCF Plan, including the minimum of the pooled fund specified in the Better Care Fund allocations, should be signed off by the HWB itself, and by the constituent local authorities and Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), and with involvement of local partners;
2. A demonstration of how the area will maintain in real terms the level of spending on social care services from the CCG minimum contribution to the fund in 2017/18 and 2018/19, in line with inflation;
3. That a specific proportion of the area's allocation is invested in NHS commissioned out-of-hospital services, or retained pending release as part of a local risk sharing agreement, and;

#### 4. Implementation of the High Impact Change Model for Managing Transfers of Care

1.4 Plans will also need to set out the area's vision for integrating health and social care by 2020 and plans are expected to be an evolution of 2016-17 BCF plans.

1.5 The BCF also includes a specific grant to local government – the Improved Better Care Fund (iBCF). This funding is paid directly to local authorities (LAs) but spending plans should be included in the BCF plan.

## 2. Summary of East Sussex Plans 2017-19

2.1 As with previous years, the East Sussex BCF Plans align with and support the delivery of the wider East Sussex Better Together and Connecting 4 You Transformation programmes.

2.2 In line with the planning requirements, there is an increased focus on addressing Delayed Transfers of Care (DToC) and the plans outline local implementation of the Department of Health's High Impact Change, which identifies best practice and model of care.

## 3. Assurance Process

3.1 The East Sussex Plans were submitted ahead of the 11 September deadline. These were reviewed within the regional assurance process and initially granted 'approval with conditions' pending further clarifications on six specific points. The additional information was provided on 25 September and formal notice of full approval is expected imminently.

## 4. Pooled budget Arrangements

4.1 Following formal approval of the plans, all contributions agreed within BCF plans must be transferred into one or more pooled funds established under section 75 of the NHS Act 2006.

4.2 These arrangements will be in line with the previous agreements for 2016/17.

4.3 The value of the BCF with contributions from partners to the pooled budget is set out below:

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
	£m	£m	£m
High Weald Lewes Havens CCG	10.583	10.772	10.977
Eastbourne, Hailsham and Seaford CCG	12.955	13.187	13.437
Hastings and Rother CCG	13.263	13.501	13.757
East Sussex County Council (excluding IBCF)	6.698	7.225	7.442
Improved Better Care Fund (IBCF)	0.000	11.313	15.157
<b>Total</b>	<b>43.499</b>	<b>55.996</b>	<b>60.769</b>

## 5. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

5.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:

1. Note the requirements for 2017/19 Better Care Fund;
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3. Note and endorse the plans to have signed Section 75 Pooled Budget arrangements in place by 30th November in line with BCF planning requirements. These arrangements will be in line with the previous agreements for 2016/17

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#### BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None