

Report to: East Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board

Date of meeting: 12 April 2016

By: Director of Adult Social Care and Health

Title: Better Care Fund 2016/17

Purpose: To provide a summary of the Better Care Fund (BCF) requirements for 2016/17, the East Sussex plans and the arrangements for the Section 75 Pooled Budgets.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The Board is recommended to:

- 1) Note the requirements for 2016/17 Better Care Fund;**
 - 2) Approve the East Sussex Better Care Fund Plans, subject to any final amendments, prior to submission by 25 April 2016;**
 - 3) Note and approve the 2016/17 Better Care Fund Section 75 Pooled Budget arrangements; and**
 - 4) Agree that authority for final approval of the plans and the revised pooled budget governance be delegated to Adult Social Care (ASC) and Clinical Commissioning Group Chief Officers pending any final minor amendments prior to submission.**
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1 Background

1.1 Within the Spending Review Statement in June 2013, the government announced the introduction of a £3.8bn pooled budget for health and social care services from 2015/16, now known as the "Better Care Fund". This funding is to be pooled between the NHS and local authorities to deliver better outcomes and greater efficiencies from more integrated services for older and disabled people. Although this is a new fund, the money is drawn primarily from existing NHS funding streams.

1.2 The East Sussex Better Care Fund plans (see Appendices 1 and 2) for 2015/16 were reviewed by NHS England and approved on 6th February 2015.

1.3 In 2015/16 the Better Care Fund plans supported the developments agreed within the East Sussex Better Together programme and other transformational projects.

1.4 Within East Sussex, the 2015/16 Better Care Fund was established under a single Section 75 Pooled Budget agreement. Subsequent changes in governance arrangements within East Sussex Better Together mean that for 2016/17 there will be two pooled budgets; for East Sussex County Council (ESCC) Hastings and Rother and Eastbourne Hailsham Seaford Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), and ESCC and High Weald Lewes Havens Clinical Commissioning Group (see Appendices 3 and 4). For both pooled budgets, ESCC will continue to act as host authority, with responsibility for the day-to-day governance and accountancy for the pooled resources set out in paragraph 2.3.

2 Supporting information

2.1 The Better Care Fund Policy Framework for 2016/17 was issued in December 2015 followed by the minimum contributions and planning guidance in February 2016.

2.2 The existing Section 75 pooled budget has been separated into two agreements, as set out at Appendix 3 and 4. These agreements will support the delivery of the 2016/17 Better Care Fund plans as set out in Appendix 1 and 2.

2.3 The value of the 2016/17 Better Care Fund, with contributions from partners to the pooled budget, is set out below:

	ESCC/ESBT	ESCC/HWLH	Total
	£m	£m	£m
High Weald Lewes Havens CCG	0	10.583	10.583
Eastbourne, Hailsham and Seaford CCG	12.955	0	12.955
Hastings and Rother CCG	13.263	0	13.263
East Sussex County Council	5.016	1.682	6.698
Total	31.234	12.265	43.499

2.4 In addition to the national conditions associated with the Better Care Fund in 2015/16, there are 2 additional requirements for 2016/17:

Condition 7: Agreement to invest in NHS commissioned out-of-hospital services. This replaces the national payment-for-performance element of the Fund, linked to delivering a reduction in non-elective activity that was a condition in 2015-16. £1 billion of the total national CCG contribution will continue to be ring-fenced and local areas should agree how they will use their share of this to fund NHS commissioned out-of-hospital services and/or hold as a contingency in the event of excess NHS activity.

Indicative budgets have been set for each scheme or set of schemes and in some cases these will continue to fund existing expenditure commitments. Details of the planned expenditure on NHS commissioned out-of-hospital services can be found in Appendix 2.

Condition 8: Agreement on a local action plan to reduce delayed transfers of care (DTOC) and improve patient flow. All areas should consider their performance in relation to DTOC (and patient flow) and work together to develop a proportionate plan to improve their position.

It is recognised that this is an important piece of work for East Sussex and to ensure this is taken forward in an inclusive and thorough way, it is planned for a countywide commissioning and provider steering group to be established.

2.5 The targets for 2016/17 included in Appendix 2 which relate to admissions to residential care, reablement and service user reported quality of life are currently proposed targets and subject to approval by ASC Performance Board on 8th April 2016.

2.6 The East Sussex Better Together Programme and the proposed Connecting 4 You Programme will be responsible for leading the transformation of health and social care in the county, taking into account the full available joint investment of approximately £1bn. Within this context the deployment of the Better Care Fund is one part of much broader programmes which will oversee effective deployment and monitoring of the Better Care Fund, ensuring the schemes

supported by the fund are aligned to the health and social care transformation ambitions within East Sussex.

3. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

- 3.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to note and approve the 2016/17 Better Care Fund Section 75 Pooled Budget arrangements.
- 3.2 The Board is recommended to note the requirements for the 2016/17 Better Care Fund and that the East Sussex submission is consistent with the local approach to health and social care transformation.
- 3.3 The Board is also recommended to approve the East Sussex Better Care Fund Plans for 2016/17.
- 3.4 The Board is recommended to agree for the final approval of the BCF plans and pooled budget governance to be delegated to ASC and CCG Chief Officers pending any final amendments prior to submission by 25 April 2016.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None