

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD		AGENDA ITEM No. 4
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APPROVAL OF THE BETTER CARE FUND SUBMISSION

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
FROM : Wendi Ogle-Welbourn , Director for Communities Peterborough City Council	Deadline date : 8 th January 2015
<p>1. The Health & Wellbeing Board is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • note the progress in preparing BCF plans; • provide any comments on the attached drafts (Appendix A) to Will Patten by close of 8/1/15 on the below email address. <p>2. To enable the submission of the BCF plans by 9 January 2015.</p>	

1. Purpose and reason for report

- 1.1 The purpose is to update the Health and Wellbeing Board on the Better Care Fund (BCF) in the wake of the Nationally Consistent Assurance Review (NCAR) process. This requires the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Health and Wellbeing Boards to resubmit BCF plans on 9 January 2015.

2. Background

- 2.1 This is not new money granted by Government, but rather a re-organisation of existing funding that is currently used to provide health and social care services in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. The aim of the BCF is to support transformation in integrated health and social care. The BCF was announced as a single pooled budget to support health and social care services to work more closely together in local areas. The pooled budget is expected to be in place from April 2015.

- 2.2 Across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, the BCF allocation is £49.7m.

- 2.3 Since the September submission, an intensive review of BCF plans nationally has taken place – the NCAR. NHS England wrote to Health and Wellbeing Board Chairs with feedback on plans on 29 October. Initial assessment was conducted by KPMG on behalf of NHS England, and plans went through four approval levels, finally being considered by Ministers and the Secretary of State for Health. All plans were assessed as falling into one of four categories:

- Approved
- Approved with support (where additional information is required)
- Approved with conditions (for plans that do not fully meet the national conditions)
- Not approved (likely to be reserved for areas that do not submit a plan or submit a plan that does not meet national conditions).

- 2.4 Following the NCAR process, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough's plans were rated as 'approved subject to conditions', in common with 48 other Health and Wellbeing Board Areas. Nationally, six plans were 'approved', and only five were 'not approved'; 92 were approved with support.

- 2.5 Most of the conditions for our plans relate to elements of detail that were not available at the time of submission, in particular the timescales of the Older People and Adult Community Services (OPACS) procurement as the Preferred Bidder was not appointed until 30 September, after the submission deadline.

The procurement process for an Older People and Community Services (OPACS) rightly prevented a lot of specific detail being incorporated in the latest version. Delivering the desired outcomes to achieve the vision is very much dependent on the success of the appointed provider (named on 1 October). However, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have signed up to only to a 1% reduction in non-elective admissions on the grounds that they are rising [on a trend equivalent to] 7% year on year and, by comparison with [other areas], they start from a low base. The volume of further detail needed was such that it could not be provided within a one month timeframe, and in particular further detail is needed in relation to the approach for providing a Lead Accountable Health Professional.

Peterborough's plan was assessed to have 2 'show stoppers', 12 'top risks' and 13 'further risks'. Regarding the 'show stoppers', Peterborough acknowledged these issues, as they did for many of the 'top risks', and a willingness to address them.

- 2.6 In addition, we now have got closer alignment between Cambridgeshire and Peterborough plans.

3. KEY POINTS

- 3.1 There is a national expectation that areas will set a target to reduce their total emergency admissions by at least 3.5% during the period Q4 2014/15 to Q3 2015/16, against a baseline of Q4 2013/14 to Q3 2014/15. However, feedback suggests that a reduction of 1% in emergency admissions, for our system, will be acceptable given the increasing trend and an already comparatively low level of emergency admissions in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.
- 3.2 The Government has allocated a 'Better Care Adviser', David White, to work with Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to address the conditions. David White met with representatives from both systems to discuss the NCAR findings during November.
- 3.3 The resubmission process has required intensive work particularly from the two Local Authorities and CCG. Significantly more information is now available to inform the plans and address the level of detail required following the conclusion of the OPACS procurement and the appointment of UnitingCare Partnership (UCP) as the Lead Provider.
- 3.4 If Cambridgeshire and Peterborough were unable to demonstrate that they can meet their conditions; or failed to submit a revised plan on 9 January 2015, further conditions would be imposed which would reduce flexibility and require additional reporting. However, the Government's intention is that as many areas as possible will proceed to being approved 'with support'.
- 3.5 Work on the attached draft of the BCF plan has taken place through constructive discussions between Cambridgeshire County Council, Peterborough City Council, the CCG, PSHFT, UCP and the voluntary sector in order to align the approach wherever possible. The attached draft plans still require work until the 9 January 2015 submission date.

4. RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:
- Note the progress in preparing BCF plans.
 - Provide any comments on the attached drafts to Will Patten by close of 8 January 2015 on the below email address.

- Will.Patten@peterborough.gov.uk'
- To give approval to make final changes to the draft plan before submission to enable meeting the deadline of the 9th January 2015.

5. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 To enable the submission of the BCF plans by 9 January 2015.

Further Detail on Conditions for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough BCF Plans

Both Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Conditions:

- **Condition 4a: The plan must address the outstanding narrative risks identified in the NCAR report**
This related to a range of elements in Part 1 of the report (the narrative); these were mainly areas where additional detail was requested, particularly in relation to services falling within scope of the Older People and Adult Community Services procurement
- **Condition 4b: The plan must address the outstanding financial risks identified in the NCAR report**
This related primarily to a request to provide more information on how the 2014/15 funding linked to the section 256 agreement is being used.
- **Condition 4c: The plan must address the outstanding analytical risks identified in the NCAR report**

Cambridgeshire only Condition:

- **Condition 1f: The plan must further demonstrate how it will meet the national condition of having an accountable professional who can join up services around individuals and prevent them from falling through gaps**
This relates to the 'Joint Assessment' project – reviewers felt that more information was needed to show that the approach to joint assessment would include having an accountable professional for each individual that received a joint assessment

Peterborough Only Conditions:

- **Condition 1a:** The plan must further demonstrate how it will meet the national condition of protecting social care to ensure that people can still access the services they need
- **Condition 1b:** The plan must further demonstrate how it will meet the national condition of having an agreed impact on acute care sector to prevent people reaching crisis point and reducing the pressures on A&E
- **Condition 3:** The plan must further demonstrate how it will deliver the planned Non-Elective admissions