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ADULT SOCIAL CARE, BETTER CARE FUND (BCF) UPDATE

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM : Will Patten, Director of Transformation,	Deadline date : N/A
The Health and Wellbeing Board are requested to note the update of BCF delivery and planning for BCF 2017/18 submission	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report is submitted to the Health and Wellbeing Board at the request of the Corporate Director for People and Communities.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to provide information for the Board; it sets out an update on the delivery of the BCF Programme and planning approach for the BCF 2017/18 submission.
- 2.2 This report is for the Board to consider under its Terms of Reference No. 3.6 *'To identify areas where joined up or integrated commissioning, including the establishment of pooled budget arrangements would benefit improving health and wellbeing and reducing health inequalities.'*

3. BCF BACKGROUND

- 3.1 As previously reported, Peterborough's BCF has created a single pooled budget to support health and social care services (for all adults with social care needs) to work more closely together in the city. The BCF was announced in June 2013 and introduced in April 2015. The £12.6 million budget is not new money; it is a reorganisation of funding currently used predominantly by Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Peterborough City Council (PCC) to provide health and social care services in the city. It includes funding for the Disabled Facilities Grant, which supports housing adaptations. In April 2017, Peterborough will be required to submit a new, jointly agreed BCF Plan, covering a two year period.

- 3.1.2 The BCF 2016/17 plan was fully 'Approved' and written confirmation has been received by NHS England.

3.2 GOVERNANCE:

- 3.2.1 At a previous meeting, the Health and Wellbeing Board confirmed that the Joint Commissioning Forum, now the Greater Peterborough Executive Partnership Commissioning Board, would oversee the delivery of the BCF Programme and management of the pooled budget on behalf of the Peterborough Health & Wellbeing Board.

- 3.2.2 Following approval by this Board in March 2015, the Section 75 Agreement between PCC and CCG was in place by 1st April 2015 when BCF funding began. The Section 75 Agreement has been reviewed to reflect changes for 2016/17 and contractual changes have been legally executed.

3.2.3 All necessary formal governance arrangements for the BCF were in place by April 2015.

3.3 MONITORING:

3.3.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board agreed to delegate responsibility for reporting to the Greater Peterborough Executive Partnership Commissioning Board. The process and templates for reporting of local areas' BCF progress is defined by NHS England and the Local Government Association (LGA) arrangements.

3.3.2 The BCF Q3 NHS England reporting template has been issued and the submission deadline is 3rd March 2017.

3.4 BCF PLANNING SUBMISSION 2017/18

3.4.1 At the time of writing, BCF guidance and funding allocations for 2017/18 and beyond have not yet been published. They were expected on 18th November, but have been delayed. Currently we do not have an anticipated date for publication.

3.4.2 From information released to date, key changes expected are:

- The policy framework and guidance will be wider in scope than purely BCF and will incorporate the wider integration agenda.
- The plan will cover a period of 2 years: 2017/18 and 2018/19.
- It is anticipated that a new BCF settlement will also see additional funding allocated to local authorities.
- The national conditions will be reduced to three: plans must be jointly agreed; maintenance of Adult Social Care and a requirement to invest in NHS-commissioned out of hospital services. However, areas will likely still be required to discuss their approach to meeting previous national conditions.

3.1.3 Since the agreement of 2016/17 BCF plans, the local system has collectively signed up to the Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) and new STP governance arrangements have been established. Over the same period there has been a significant increase in joint working between local public sector organisations in Peterborough and Cambridgeshire through the development of proposals for local devolution. These developments offer an opportunity to review the local approach to BCF plans to reduce the risk of duplication and improve the chance of success. The following proposals are presented for discussion by the Health and Wellbeing Board:

- **Greater alignment of BCF activity with the STP and local authority transformation plans.** In its first two years, the BCF has maintained a separate project structure for many of its transformation projects. Given the fact that many BCF performance targets are dependent on activity across the STP Delivery Boards, further alignment is necessary. It is proposed that the BCF should shift to commissioning activity either from the HCE/ STP or local authority transformation programmes as appropriate, to reduce duplication and ensure that all partners can be engaged with the correct pieces of work. The BCF plan would describe activity to be commissioned, and responsibility for implementation would be passed to the most appropriate group. It would include specific targets in relation to performance indicators for BCF-commissioned activity as well as clarity on the primary governance.
- **Greater alignment of Peterborough and Cambridgeshire BCF Plans.** BCF transformation activity has always been aligned to some extent between Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. As most health and social care service transformation activity is now system wide, it is proposed that there should be further alignment of the two plans. Separate BCF budgets would still be maintained in line with statutory requirements, and each Health and Wellbeing Board would still be responsible for agreeing plans.
- **A single commissioning Board for Peterborough and Cambridgeshire.** At present there are two separate boards in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough overseeing BCF activity – the Cambridgeshire BCF Delivery Board and Greater Peterborough Executive Partnership Commissioning Board. To support more effective joint commissioning it is proposed that these are replaced by a single board across Cambridgeshire and

Peterborough. This would support a more joined up approach to planning and allow a more coordinated approach between the two areas and enable streamlined reporting into the two Health and Wellbeing Boards.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 As previously reported, in the developing and drafting of the BCF Plan there were detailed discussions and workshops with partners. Joint working across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough continues and regular monitoring activities have been solidified to ensure clear and standardised reporting mechanisms.

5. IMPLICATIONS

FINANCIAL

- 5.1 Delivery assurance through the Board will enable the Council and the CCG to continue to meet NHS England's conditions for receiving £12.6m BCF.
- 5.2 The BCF funding is in line with the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).

6. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- i) BCF Quarterly Data Collection Template Q3 15-16 Peterborough (final)
- ii) BCF Quarterly Data Collection Template Q4 15-16 Peterborough (final)
- iii) BCF Quarterly Data Collection Template Q1 16-17 Peterborough (final)
- iv) BCF Quarterly Data Collection Template Q2 16-17 Peterborough (final)

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