

Open Report on behalf of Glen Garrod, Director of Adult Social Services

Report to:	Adults Scrutiny Committee
Date:	24 February 2016
Subject:	Better Care Fund Submission 2016/17 and Update on 2015/16

Summary:

The Committee will be familiar with the Better Care Fund (BCF) and its operation within the county as a result of two previous reports to this Committee on 27 February 2015 and 9 September 2015. Furthermore throughout the previous twelve months there have been four reports to the Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board, at each of its formal meetings.

The BCF in Lincolnshire represents a level of pooled budget with the four Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) of £197m. This is the largest single pooling between the County Council and the NHS ever achieved and at the time was one of only six at this level across the country. As part of the existing submission there were a number of performance requirements and level of protection for Adult Social Care.

At the time of writing this report the 2016/17 BCF submission guidance and template from the Government has not been made available, having been delayed for over six weeks.

Actions Required:

To receive a presentation on the Better Care Fund for 2015/16 and the current position regarding negotiations with the four Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) for 2016/17.

1. Background

A presentation has been prepared for the Adults Scrutiny Committee which details performance against the requirements in the Better Care Fund (BCF) submission for 2015/16 and the current position with respect to the BCF submission for 2016/17.

Given the scale of the BCF pooling and its prominence as a part of the national policy around integration with Health, the BCF represents one of the more

profound developments affecting the Council in recent times. Following the Chancellor's Comprehensive Spending Review in November 2015, the BCF now has a longer timeline, at least up until the end of the Parliament in 2020. It also incorporates much larger sums that become available after 2017 and subject to a satisfactory "Integration Plan".

2. Conclusion

The existing BCF for 2015/16 was a major step forward in pooling resources across the NHS and Adult Social Care. In the next year and beyond the BCF becomes more important and influential in supporting further integration.

3. Consultation

a) Policy Proofing Actions Required

n/a

4. Background Papers

No background papers, as defined in the Local Government Act 1972, were relied upon in the writing of this report.

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