



LINCOLNSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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

Report to	Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board
Date:	28 January 2014
Subject:	Better Care Fund submission document: 'first-cut'

Summary:

The attached 'Better Care Fund' (BCF) document is a first-cut submission which satisfies the requirements of the National guidance. It represents the collective ambition of the health and social care community in Lincolnshire to further improve services and establish a more sustainable financial base in an integrated environment.

The BCF was previously termed the Integration Transformation Fund (ITF) until December 2013, and before that DoH transfer funds which was the subject of a report to the Informal Executive of the County Council on 19 February 2013, to CCGs and the Health and Wellbeing Board during 2013.

This report illustrates the core elements of the BCF, the connection between this BCF document and the Lincolnshire Sustainable Services Review and the process and timetable for production. The report builds upon previous presentations to the Health and Wellbeing Board that detailed early versions of the submission document. It is necessary for the Health and Wellbeing Board to agree a 'first-cut' submission that describes how Lincolnshire intends to meet the national requirements in terms of:

1. spend of the BCF allocation in 2014/15, 2015/16;
2. the performance we expect to achieve;
3. the level of pooled budget (health and social care) we expect to reach.

The document has two parts provided as a national template: Part 1 describes the overall **Plan Details**, an agreed **Vision and Schemes** – 'Early Implementers', how the submission meets **National Conditions** and finally, identified strategic **Risks**.

Part 2 describes the performance measures to be used and the agreement on the use of the BCF in 2014/15 and 2015/16. Critically it also seeks to reflect the level of ambition to pool budgets across both health and social care.

Actions Required:

The BCF has been produced as a collective exercise between senior officers representing all four CCGs and the County Council.

1. Members are asked to note and comment on the content of the attached BCF submission document.
2. The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to formally agree the BCF 'first-cut' submission to NHS England by 15 February 2014 to meet the national conditions.
3. Further, the Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to agree to receive a further report concerning the BCF as the final submission at the meeting of the Board on 25 March 2014.

1. Background

In June 2013, the Chancellor announced a £3.8bn pooled fund to encourage the integration of health and social care services. This coincided with the Government's announcement to identify a number of 'integration pioneers'. In October early national guidance was produced detailing how the then ITF would be allocated and what it included. In December the newly titled final BCF guidance was produced.

In Lincolnshire an initial bid to become an Integration Pioneer proved unsuccessful. In parallel a Sustainable Services Review was commissioned, with the support of PWC, and Phase 1 has been concluded. This was presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board in late 2013 by Tony Hill, Director of Public Health. It has also been formally agreed by all four CCGs and the Executive of Lincolnshire County Council.

The connection between this BCF document and the LSSR 'Blueprint' is critical. In other words if the LSSR is a 5 year plan to transform health and social care in Lincolnshire then the BCF describes the first two years of that plan. It is also where national policy and local ambition coalesce.

In addition, NHS England provides a representative from the Area Team that participates in both the Health and Wellbeing Board and the LSSR Governance Board where both BCF and LSSR have been presented. The Area Team representative also agreed to act as a critical friend in the development of the BCF submission attached.

The BCF planning (attached) and, technical guidance includes a number of requirements. In general these are both performance related (5 national and 1 locally determined from a prescribed list) and, require a considerable level of pooling of budgets. Failure to adhere to these will reduce the expected financial allocation to Lincolnshire from the BCF fund.

The value of the BCF in Lincolnshire in 2014/15 is £15.4m. In 2015/16 the value of the fund will reach just under £53m. This incorporates an allocation to help underwrite the costs of implementing both the Care Bill from 2015, and the 'Dilnot Reforms' (how people will be charged for adult social services for which they are eligible).

The Task Group identified below has senior representatives from each of the four CCGs and includes their Chief Finance Officers. It is chaired by the Director of Adult Social Services with other colleagues from LCC covering Children's Services, Public Health, Performance and Finance.

The following timeline describes the stage of evolution this document has arrived at and, what is expected to happen next. As Members will see the timescales are short.

DATE	GOVERNANCE PROCESS
12.11.2013	Task Group
28.11.2013	Task Group
10.12.2013	Health and Wellbeing Board
18.12.2013	Task Group
06.01.2014	Task Group
13.01.2014	Task Group
14.01.2014	Informal Executive of LCC
16.01.2014	Task Group
22.01.2014	South West CCG Board
22.01.2014	West CCG Board
23.01.2014	East CCG Board
30.01.2014	South CCG Board
28.01.2014	Informal Health and Wellbeing Board
28.01.2014	Health and Wellbeing Board
15.02.2014	First cut submission of Lincolnshire BCF to NHS England
19.03.2014	West CCG Board
25.03.2014	Health and Wellbeing Board
26.03.2014	South West CCG Board
27.03.2014	South CCG Board
27.03.2014	East CCG Board
27.03.2014	Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee
01.04.2014	Formal Executive of LCC
04.04.2014	Final version submitted to NHS England

2. Conclusion

The BCF submission is a 'first-cut' to satisfy nationally prescribed requirements. The final BCF submission has a deadline of 4 April 2014. However, it is the collective view of health and social care colleagues to go as far as possible in this 'first-cut' submission so as to satisfy NHS England and therefore reduce the level of work required for the final submission. This is in order to protect officer capacity to progress the LSSR and, the development of the 'Early Implementers'.

It is important to note that this BCF must reflect the aims and objectives in the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and respective CCG planning documents. It must also reflect key factors in the JSNA. The level of 'read-across' must therefore be high.

Notwithstanding the above this BCF submission represents a cornerstone upon which the LSSR builds. It also further facilitates the shared ambition across health and social care organisations and more firmly bind us together in a way not previously seen in the County.

2. Consultation

In addition to the above, regular updates have been provided on the development of the BCF to the LSSR Governance Board, to the monthly meetings between the Chief Officers of the 4 CCGs and the Corporate Management Board of the County Council and, to the Informal Executive of the County Council.

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Annex to NHS England Planning Guidance
Appendix B	Better Care Fund Planning Template – Part 1 To follow
Appendix C	Better Care Fund - Part 2 (performance measures to be used and the agreement on the use of the BCF in 2014/15 and 2015/16) – To Follow

5. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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