

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:	25 March 2014
Subject:	Better Care Fund Final Submission

Summary:

The Better Care Fund (BCF) represents a profound shift in emphasis towards integration between health and social care services in England. The form this took was financial, and announced by the Chancellor in June 2013 when he created a £3.8b integrated budget for health and social care. The antecedents were previously described to Health and Wellbeing Board at their meeting on 28th January 2014. A first cut submission was made as required on 15th February 2014 endorsed by the County Council, all four Clinical Commissioning Groups and the Health and Wellbeing Board. Since that time the group tasked with completing a final submission by the deadline of 4th April 2014 has continued to meet. This report details the final BCF submission for the health and social care community in Lincolnshire.

Unfortunately, given the reporting timetable for this Board and the national timetable for the BCF Assurance Process the final submission document and formal feedback from NHS England related to first cut submission is not available. It will be circulated as soon as possible in advance of the Board meeting 25th March 2014.

Actions Required:

1. Members are asked to note and comment on the content of the attached BCF final submission.
2. Agree the document as attached.
3. Note that further updates concerning this submission and tracking of progress will be managed through the LSSR Governance Board in the first instance and ultimately Health and Wellbeing Board.

1. Background

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.

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
21.01.2014	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
05.02.2014	Health and Wellbeing Board
06.02.2014	Task Group
15.02.2014	First cut submission of Lincolnshire BCF to NHS England
20.02.2014	Task Group
07.03.2014	Task Group
19.03.2014	West CCG Board
25.03.2014	Task Group (last one in the diary)
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

This final BCF submission represents the combined and shared ambition across the health and social care community in Lincolnshire. The consequence of this BCF is that

shared and improved performance, an extensive level of pooled budget and significant service integration will follow commensurate with the intentions of the LSSR.

Governance is proposed to be through the Health and Wellbeing Board.

3. Consultation

Key aspects of the BCF are subsumed within the LSSR programme. During Phase 1 of the LSSR a degree of consultation took place with representative bodies from the health and social care community and those representing groups of service users and the wider public. Phase 2 of the LSSR will provide more extensive consultation later this spring.

At the Health and Wellbeing Board presentation on 28th January 2014 an informal meeting of the Board and wider interested parties took place. This included wider representation from District Councils and social care providers.

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Lincolnshire BCF first cut submission
Appendix B	Assessment by NHS England regarding first cut submission
Appendix C	Additional guidance produced by NHS England and the LGA dated 24th February 2014
Appendix D	Final BCF submission

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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