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Dear David

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

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 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 as attached 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.

The connection between this BCF document and the Lincolnshire Sustainable Services Review (LSSR) is critical. In other words, if the LSSR is a five 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.

NHS England provides a representative from the Area Team who participates in both the Health and Wellbeing Board and the LSSR Governance Board, where both BCF and LSSR have been presented and discussed. The Area Team representative also agreed to act as a critical friend in the development of the BCF submission attached. Furthermore, we are currently negotiating with the Area Team details of primary care spend so that this can be considered for inclusion in pooled budget arrangements supporting neighbourhood team development. As such we will need NHS England to support the level of ambition described in the attached Part 1 and 2 submissions.

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 charged with constructing this BCF submission 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. Colleagues in Public Health lead on engagement with the seven District and City Councils in Lincolnshire to ensure their contribution is both recognised and incorporated.

The following timeline describes the stage of evolution this document has arrived at and, what is expected to happen next.

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

We believe that this BCF submission meets the requirement to reflect the aims and objectives in the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and respective CCG planning documents. The level of 'read-across' is therefore high.

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.

The Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board are fully supportive of this 'first-cut' submission and commend it to you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sue', written in a cursive style.

Cllr Sue Woolley
Chairman
Lincolnshire Health & Wellbeing Board