

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:	24 March 2015
Subject:	Better Care Fund Section 75 Agreement(s)

Summary: Members of the Board will recall that the BCF submission was approved prior to Christmas 2014 and submitted to the Government on 9th January 2015. In February we were notified that the submission had been approved. The "delivery vehicle" for transfer of the national funding to Lincolnshire is a Section 75 Agreement. This must be signed off by the six signatories on 31st March 2015. The six signatories are the four CCGs, the County Council and the Chair of Health and Wellbeing Board.

The minimum value of the BCF in 2015/16 is £53.2m though Members will note that the level of pooling is actually £197m. This fact alone determines the nature of the agreement, in this case a framework agreement, and the number of separate elements that make up the whole.

Actions Required: Members of Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to:

1. note and comment on the attached documentation;
2. agree the Section 75 arrangements as detailed on the attached;
3. delegate to the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board any final iterations to the attached prior to submission on 31st March 2015.

1. Background

The Better Care Fund (BCF) has a long history with the Health and Wellbeing Board and will be presented at all formal Health and Wellbeing Board meetings during 2015.

The Section 75 Agreement documentation attached was presented to the Executive of the County Council on 3rd March 2015. It had previously been to the Adults Scrutiny Committee as a pre-decision item. The report has now been agreed by the County Council and has delegated any final amendments to two Executive Councillors and the Director of Adult Social Services.

It is important to recall that the BCF is for 2015/16 only and does not represent new money. The most pressing area of concern in securing agreement is the level of financial risk that pertains to the BCF and the savings expected in an already stretched health and social care economy.

Notwithstanding the above integration between health and care has a high national profile and it would seem this is set to continue beyond the national elections in May.

2. Conclusion

The BCF represents a significant step on the journey towards closer integration between health and social care in Lincolnshire. This journey will continue and no doubt be given additional impetus with the new Government. The connections with the local LHAC initiative are profound and will continue to be strengthened though the resource requirements to support this present their own challenge in maintaining progress.

3. Consultation

n/a

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Report to the Executive on 3 rd March 2015 Including appendices A-H: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Partnership Framework Agreement- Description of proposed Section 75 Agreement for proactive care- Description of proposed Section 75 Agreement for corporate matters- Description of proposed Section 75 Agreement for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services- Description of proposed Section 75 Agreement for Integrated Community Equipment Services- Description of proposed Section 75 Agreement for Learning

	<p>Disabilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Description of proposed Section 75 Agreement for Adult Mental Health- Spreadsheet Detailing the Allocation of Funding
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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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