

# **Surrey Health and Wellbeing Board**

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# **Surrey-Wide Better Care Fund Plan**

#### Purpose of item / paper

The purpose of this paper is to invite the Health and Wellbeing Board to review and sign-off the 'draft' Surrey-wide Better Care Fund plan and to submit to NHS England by 14 February 2014.

The LGA and NHS England's guidance on the Better Care Fund sets out the expectation that the plan will be agreed between the County Council and Surrey's Clinical Commissioning Groups and will be signed off by the Health and Wellbeing Board. The draft plan must be submitted to NHS England by 14 February 2014, with the final version submitted as part of the overall NHS planning round by 4 April 2014.

Surrey has established six Local Joint Commissioning Groups one for each of the six Clinical Commissioning Group areas, with membership from the local health and social care community. These Groups will be responsible for Better Care Fund investment decisions, the joint commissioning of services and oversight of the operational delivery of schemes. Planning is well underway with workshops held in November – January and each of the Local Joint Commissioning Groups developing a local Better Care Fund Plan setting out their joint health and social care work programme. The decision to develop local joint work programmes is designed to enable each area to address the range of different communities in Surrey; from urban to rural, the needs of these specific communities, the different histories. patterns of service provision, service providers, strengths, needs as identified in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and challenges, as well as the need for local ownership and leadership.

The attached plan is a 'draft' composite Surrey-wide plan. It provides an overview of key themes from each of the six local joint work programmes and gives examples of how the enhanced and integrated model of community based health and social care in Surrey will deliver better health, outcomes and experience for the population.

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## Surrey Health and Wellbeing priority(ies) supported by this item / paper

The Better Care Fund is designed to improve outcomes for vulnerable people through better integrated care and support, and a significant expansion of care in community settings. It will achieve this by shifting resources from acute services into preventative services in primary care, community health and social care.

The Surrey-wide Better Care Fund plan outlines plans for 2015/16 which will support delivery of all five priorities in Surrey's Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and what organisations can do better together. However, the focus of the plan is upon providing better care for older people in community settings. It will therefore have most impact upon the delivery of Priority 4 – 'improving older adults' health and wellbeing'.

## Financial implications confirmation that any financial implications have been included within the paper

The Better Care Fund is a national fund which was announced in the June 2013 Spending Round. The fund is made up of a number of existing elements of funding, most of which will come from health budgets. The announcement covered two financial years:

- For 2014/15, the expected Whole Systems Funding for Surrey = £18.3m
- For 2015/16, the expected Better Care Funding total position for Surrey is expected to be a revenue allocation of £65.5m + capital of £6.0m = £71.5m in total.

Figure 1 – Element of 2015/16 Better Care Fund

	Nationally £m	Surrey £m
New Care Bill duties	135	2.56
Carers breaks	130	2.46
Reablement	300	5.68
Whole systems	1,100	18.30
Balance for allocation	1,795	36.50
	3,460	65.50
Capital general	134	2.30
Disabled Facilities Grant	220	3.70
	354	6.00

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In 2015/16 the Better Care Fund will be put into a pooled budget under Section 75<sup>1</sup> joint governance arrangements between Clinical Commissioning Groups and the County Council. A condition of accessing the money in the Fund is that Clinical Commissioning Groups and Adult Social Care must jointly agree plans for how the money will be spent, and these plans must meet certain conditions. One of these conditions is to 'protect' (the government's word) social care services. In Surrey it has been agreed that plans will be drawn up on the basis that "the system" across Surrey has committed to jointly investing the Better Care Fund to improve services and outcomes for patients and to creating financial benefit as a result. We have agreed to share this benefit for further investment in services and to ensure the sustainable delivery of better care for the future. In 2015/16 we expect the benefit to social care to be £25m". Consultation / public Throughout 2013/14, health and social care providers have been involvement - activity taken engaged in developing an integrated vision for out of hospital care or planned in each local area through the five Local Transformation Boards. Whole systems engagement events were also held across Surrey during November and December about new models of care within the context of the opportunities created by the Better Care Fund. Across Surrey, mechanisms are in place for engagement with patients, services users and the public through a number of partnership boards. These include the Surrey Ageing Well Board, the Surrey Learning Disability Partnership Board, local Empowerment Boards and the Local Transformation Boards. Each of the six Surrey Clinical Commissioning Group also has arrangements in place for patient and public engagement. including Patient Reference and Advisory Groups. Each Local Joint Commissioning Group is committed to community engagement and co-design as a key component of its plan for utilising the Better Care Fund and transforming out of hospital care. Equality and diversity -The project team is in the process of undertaking an equality impact assessment. This will be completed and available to the confirmation that any equality and diversity Health and Wellbeing Board alongside the final Surrey-wide implications have been Better Care Fund plan. included within the paper

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Section 75 of the NHS Act, provides for CCGs and local authorities to pool budgets 3/4



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Actions requested / Recommendations	The Surrey Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:  Review and sign-off the 'draft' Surrey-wide Better Care Fund plan and to submit to NHS England by 14 February 2014.

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