



Surrey Health and Wellbeing Board

Date of meeting	2 October 2014
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Item / paper title: **The Surrey Better Care Fund plan**

<p>Purpose of item / paper</p>	<p>The purpose of this item is to formally note Surrey's Better Care Fund (BCF) plan following its submission to NHS England.</p> <p>Surrey's BCF plan will be presented on the day following the approval process agreed at the Health and Wellbeing Board on 4 September 2014.</p> <p>Background</p> <p>The Better Care Fund is a national programme (announced in the Government's June 2013 Spending Round) which creates a local single pooled budget to support and enable closer working between the NHS and local government. It is designed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve outcomes for people. • Drive closer integration between health and social care. • Increase investment in preventative services in primary care, community health and social care. • Support the strategic shift from acute to community and to protect social care services.
<p>Surrey Health and Wellbeing priority(ies) supported by this item / paper</p>	<p>The Surrey Better Care Fund programme for 2015/16 will support delivery of Surrey's Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The focus of the Better Care Fund is providing improved care for older people in community settings. It will therefore have most impact upon delivery of the following Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving older adults' health and wellbeing • Developing a preventative approach • Promoting emotional wellbeing and mental health
<p>Financial implications - confirmation that any financial implications have been included within the paper</p>	<p>The BCF plan will include the financial implications of the schemes to be implemented across Surrey.</p> <p>The BCF is made up of a number of existing elements of funding and covers two financial years. Local areas can choose to add additional funding to their BCF but the minimum required value of the BCF pooled budget for Surrey is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For 2014/15, the Whole Systems Funding for Surrey = £18.3m. • For 2015/16, the Better Care Funding total for Surrey is a revenue allocation of £65.5m + capital of £6.0m = £71.5m.

	<p>It is important to emphasise that this is a confirmation of existing funding continuing and being rebadged, not a new funding stream. It will mean Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) will have to shift existing funding from the acute hospitals in Surrey in order to increase investment in preventative services in primary care, community health and social care. This will require major service change – possibly across Surrey’s providers.</p>
<p>Consultation / public involvement – activity taken or planned</p>	<p>Health and social care providers have been engaged in developing an integrated vision for out of hospital care in each local area for example through the Local Transformation Boards. Patients, people who use services and the public have been involved through a number of partnership boards and via local engagement events.</p> <p>In response to feedback on Surrey’s Better Care Fund return in April, Local Joint Commissioning Groups have enhanced their engagement with local providers, particularly those in the acute sector, to develop their local Better Care Fund plans and to ensure the impact of these plans across the system is understood.</p>
<p>Equality and diversity - confirmation that any equality and diversity implications have been included within the paper</p>	<p>Detailed local schemes for the Better Care Fund will continue to be planned through the latter part of 2014/15, for implementation in 2015/16. An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) will be completed as part of this process to assess the impact upon residents, people who use services, carers and staff with protected characteristics.</p> <p>Equality Impact Assessments have already been undertaken for a number of existing joint schemes which are likely to be rolled forward into 2015/16.</p>
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<p>Actions requested / Recommendations</p>	<p>The Surrey Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the Better Care Fund plan for Surrey; and • Discuss the next steps for Surrey’s Better Care Fund planning.