

Health and Wellbeing Board

15th July 2014

Better Care Fund Progress Report

Recommendation(s)

The report is submitted for comment.

1.0 Key Issues

- 1.1 NHS England has written to all CCGs requesting further information and resubmission of our operational plans for 2014/15 and 2015/16. This is to ensure that plans reflect changes that have arisen from assurance processes and changes being made to Better Care Fund plans (NHSE Gateway 01685 4th June 2014).
- 1.2 Having considered the documents submitted in February, NHSE feel that further work is required on local plans, particularly around the metrics and finance data, and on the extent of provider engagement in the planning process. Ministers have indicated that further time should be taken by CCGs and Councils, working with Health and Wellbeing Boards, to refine their plans in June. Other areas that NHSE want assured by CCGs and HWBB are:
 - more detailed breakdowns of planned investments and savings;
 - clarification on the impact of BCF on total emergency admissions;
 - and agreement on the consequential impact on the acute sector.
- 1.3 Warwickshire partners have met and agreed the following actions to provide the additional information requirements and preparations for detailed plans:
 - Three one day meetings between each CCG and WCC also to include Public Health, to take place early July;
 - Prior to each of these meetings the gathering of required information – finance, activity, metrics – for each workstream and its implementation by CCG area;
 - Provider engagement to be undertaken using the procurement engagement model;
 - Sign off for the revised plans to be undertaken by Strategic Directors and

the Director of Public Health; and

- Submission of final detailed plans in September (at HWBB)

1.4 There are further opportunities for the Warwickshire BCF partnership to take part in a 'Fast track' implementation of Better Care initiatives, which may change some of the arrangements above. These have only recently been circulated by the Department of Health. A more detailed progress report on this, and any other developments will be provided at the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting.

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