

## Health and Wellbeing Board Sub-Committee

30 June 2016

### Better Care Fund Planning Submission 2016/17

#### Recommendation(s)

1. To approve the Better Care Fund Plan for 2016/17, known locally as the Better Together Programme.
2. To note the interim results and ongoing timeline for completing the regional quality assurance process for the plan for 2016/17.

#### 1.0 Key Issues

- 1.1 Following on from the first year of implementation of the Better Together Programme, a new national policy framework for the Better Care Fund was issued earlier this year in mid-February.

This policy framework outlined new requirements for local areas for the second year of the programme 2016/17. In quick succession the submission requirements and timelines for local area plans were issued.

Locally our plan for 2016/17 is based on our long term vision, as outlined in our original submission, and builds on the progress made in 2015/16.

- 1.2 Following the last report to the HWB in March, it was agreed that delegated authority would be given to a sub-committee to approve plans in line with the challenging timescales which had to be met.

Plans are currently progressing through the final stages of the regional quality assurance process and national moderation.

- 1.3 Each local plan is quality assured regionally by two assessors, one from NHS England and another from Local Government. There are three judgements that can be made dependent on how many of the 70 Key Lines of Enquiry have been met. These are:

- Not approved
- Approved with support
- Approved

Currently our plan, submitted with papers, has achieved an “Approved with support” status with an expression of high confidence in our ability to achieve “Approved” status by the end of June.

To meet the final outstanding quality assurance requirements an appendix to the narrative plan will be submitted on the 27<sup>th</sup> June with final regional feedback expected on the 30<sup>th</sup> June.

## 2.0 Timescales associated with the decision and next steps

2.1 The planning process for 2016/17 required a series of submissions including a spreadsheet, outlining the financial and performance elements of the plan; and a narrative document outlining the progress to date and the content of our plan.

2.2 The timeline for submissions and feedback are as follows:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> March – submission of initial spreadsheet outlining financial and performance commitments
- 21<sup>st</sup> March – submission of second spreadsheet outlining financial and performance commitments and the first version of a high level narrative plan
- 6<sup>th</sup> April – receipt of feedback on the first narrative plan
- 4<sup>th</sup> May – submission of the second version of the narrative plan
- 24<sup>th</sup> May – receipt of feedback on second version of the narrative plan
- 27<sup>th</sup> June – submission of final narrative plan
- 30<sup>th</sup> June – final quality assurance judgement on the narrative plan
- 30<sup>th</sup> June – section 75 agreement finalised and signed by Warwickshire County Council, Coventry and Rugby CCG, South Warwickshire CCG and Warwickshire North CCG

## Background papers

None

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