

Report to:	Health and Wellbeing Board
Relevant Officer:	Andy Roach, Blackpool Clinical Commissioning Group
Relevant Cabinet Member	Councillor Eddie Collett, Cabinet Member for Public Health
Date of Meeting:	3 rd December 2014

BETTER CARE FUND SUBMISSION UPDATE

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To provide an update on the revised submission of the Better Care Fund and Action Plan developed following the National Consistent Assurance Review.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To note the current status of the revised Better Care Fund submission.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 The Board has a key role in monitoring the submission of the revised Better Care Fund.

- 3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

- 3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

- 3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None, the item is for information to keep the Board informed as to the Better Care Fund's progress.

4.0 Council Priority:

- 4.1 The relevant Council Priorities are:

- Safeguard and protect the most vulnerable
- Improve health and well-being especially for the most disadvantaged

5.0 Background Information

- 5.1 The £3.8bn Better Care Fund (BCF) was announced in the June 2013 spending review. The key ambition of the Fund seeks to transform local services to ensure people are provided with better integrated care and support – which is joined-up, personalised and provided closer to home.
- 5.2 In order to access the Better Care Fund, every local area developed a locality plan aligned to the two-year operational and five year strategic plans of their Clinical Commissioning Group. Plans must also meet certain national conditions including a commitment to seven day working, better sharing of information and protection of social care services. Draft and final plans were approved by Health and Wellbeing Boards in February and April 2014 respectively before being taken forward for ministerial sign off.
- 5.3 Following a ministerial review in April 2014 it was recognised that whilst many plans reflected the ambition of the Fund, certain aspects required further development as follows:
- More evidence of financial risk and performance metrics;
 - Sufficient provider engagement and agreement on the impact of plans;
 - Greater clarity around the alignment of the Better Care Fund plan to wider plans and policies, such as how Better Care Fund schemes will align with and work alongside primary care;
 - More evidence of robust finance and analytical modelling underpinning plans.
- 5.4 To address these requirements, NHS England published updated guidance, revised plan templates and extended the timetable for revising and submitting locality plans.
- 5.5 Further to the previous update in October, the final submission and supporting action plan will be presented to update the Board on the status of the Better Care Fund Plan following the National Consistent Assurance Review
- 5.6 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.7 List of Appendices:

Appendix 6a: Better Care Fund Final Submission

Appendix 6b: Better Care Fund Action Plan

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 None

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 None

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 None

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 None

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 None