

**APPENDIX 3A MINUTES OF INTEGRATED COMMISSIONING GROUP MEETING -
THURSDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2017**

Present:

Mr Steve Thompson, Director of Resources, Blackpool Council (Chairman)
Dr Arif Rajpura, Director of Public Health, Blackpool Council
Mrs Diane Booth, Director of Children's Services
Ms Jo Humphries, Integrated Commissioning Manager, Blackpool Council
Ms Liz Turner, Funding Officer, Business Support and Resources, Blackpool Council
Ms Helen Lammond-Smith, Head of Commissioning Blackpool CCG and Blackpool Council

In Attendance:

Ms Laura Watts, Better Care Fund Accountant
Ms Kate Jackson, Commissioning Manager, NHS Blackpool CCG
Mr Chris Williams, Democratic Services Adviser

1 INTRODUCTIONS/APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from David Bonson, Chief Operating Officer, Blackpool CCG, John Gaskins, Deputy Chief Finance Officer, Blackpool CCG, Andrew Harrison, Jeannie Harrop, Senior Commissioning Manager, Blackpool CCG, Neil Jack, Chief Executive, Blackpool Council and Karen Smith, Director of Adult Social Care, Blackpool Council.

In the absence of the Chairman and Co-Chairman, a vote took place and Mr Thompson agreed to act as Chairman for the duration of the meeting.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr Thompson declared an interest, the nature of which was his status as a Trustee of the Trinity Hospice.

3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 12 July 2017 were agreed as a true and correct record.

The Group held a discussion about how the format of future meetings could be changed to make it less formal and perhaps more akin to the function and operation of a Working Group. In this way, it was hoped that the Group could focus specifically on developing a joint commissioning plan of work by identifying emerging themes and opportunities and by agreeing future priorities. In doing so, it was also implied that there would be less duplication and crossover with other meetings involving broadly the same membership.

4 BETTER CARE FUND

Ms Watts opened by asking members of the Group what they would like to see at future meetings in terms of updates on the Better Care Fund.

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It was reported that following considerable delay in the publication of the Policy Framework and Planning Guidance for the Better Care Fund 2017-2019, the Blackpool Better Care Plan 2017-2019 was submitted to NHS England on 11 September 2017. The document, consisting of a Narrative Plan (Appendix 4(b) and a Planning Template, was signed by Senior Officers from Blackpool Council and Blackpool CCG, and by Cllr Graham Cain on behalf of the Blackpool Health and Wellbeing Board. Following a regional and national assurance process, formal notification that the 2017-2019 plan had been approved was received on 27 October 2017.

The Group noted that the Section 75 agreement for 2017-2018 had also been amended to reflect the change of governance arrangements from the Strategic Commissioning Board to the Integrated Commissioning Group. The updated Section 75 agreement had been verified by Blackpool Council's Legal Department, and at the time of the meeting was in the process of being signed by Blackpool Council and Blackpool CCG.

Over recent months the Better Care Monitoring Group's activity had largely been focused on producing the 2017-2019 Better Care Plan, and with fulfilling reporting requirements. Also, the monitoring group was in the process of undertaking a review of all schemes within the BCF schedule, including development of a dashboard to monitor activity and effectiveness against the BCF metrics and High Impact Change Model.

Following a discussion, it was agreed that more information, specifically financial and performance data about four schemes of work to be undertaken to improve grip and control across health and social care would be desirable in order to assess the viability of applying for additional funding.

The Group agreed:

That an Item on financial and performance data about four new work schemes across health and social care be brought to the 29 January 2018 meeting.

5 BETTER CARE FUND - POOLED BUDGET FOR LEARNING DISABILITY SERVICES

Liz Turner put forward the recommendation to pursue an extension of the current Better Care Fund arrangements in Blackpool to include the provision of Learning Disability services. She provided context to the proposal and informed the Group that the Transforming Care initiative required CCGs, Local Authorities and NHS England to work together to ensure that people with a learning disability and/or autism in a hospital setting could be supported in the community and discharged into a community setting as soon as possible following their stay in hospital. It was expected that the closure of long-stay hospitals would release the resources to allow appropriate care to be delivered in the community and therefore the costs of transforming care would have to be met within the current spending envelope of health and social care services.

In addition to the core proposal, it was noted that there would also need to be an element of accountability for Commissioners for any overspends within their areas of responsibility and an agreement that future changes would have to be agreed by the

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Integrated Commissioning Group. Ms Turner added that the overall rationale for the recommendation was a desire to encourage greater joint working and local ownership of commissioning.

The Group noted that joint discussions were key to the future commissioning landscape especially if demand were to increase and given the low volume/high cost nature of disability services. The pooling of budgets was agreed as a stepping stone to a more comprehensive and fit for purpose arrangement.

The Group agreed:

To agree to the inclusion in the Better Care Fund of expenditure relating to Learning Disability services in order to facilitate the operation of a Pooled Budget and to further promote joint working between the Council and NHS Blackpool Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

6 NEIGHBOURHOODS MODEL OF CARE - VANGUARD UPDATE

Jo Humphries reminded the Group that New Models of Care had been designed to increase efficiency and improve the patient experience by ensuring healthcare services were arranged, provided and accessed regardless of whether the patient had multiple complaints, a single long-term condition or just occasional bouts of ill health.

Ms Humphries reported that capacity issues had impacted the overall ability to deliver on the three key outcomes. Despite some operational setbacks, the Group noted that staffing resources were comprehensive and fit for purpose and recent patient feedback regarding the quality of enhanced primary care had been encouraging. It was reported that social workers had now been placed in neighbourhood hubs with four in post already and a further two due to start in the near future.

Dr Arif Rajpura praised the breadth of services on offer and Diane Booth added that whilst evidence of integration was encouraging, there was still work to be done, especially in relation to transition for pupils from Primary to Secondary school phases. The Challenge, she added would be to get the increasing number of academy schools on board with the agenda.

It was reported that a key focus for 2017/2018 had been on empowering people and communities in order to build resilience. A patient activation measure had already been implemented locally in the Central West sector of Blackpool, whilst plans to roll the service out across further sectors were underway. In addition, six co-production workshops and a voluntary and third sector event to be held at the Winter Gardens in Blackpool were planned, the latter would include an invitation for residents to attend and put forward their views.

Suggestions for the voluntary sector to take a more active role in New Models of Care and to pursue school attendance were noted as possible ways to engage hard to reach young people. By involving the likes of Streetlife, independent visitor's services, young carers and care leavers, it was hoped that more young people could access services designed to

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meet their individual and sometimes complex needs. The Group agreed with the assertion that asking 'what matters to young people?' was preferable to asking 'what's the matter with young people?'

It was noted that Social Action Funding had been applied for through the Big Lottery in the form of a 'Greater Together' bid for £240,000 over three years. A response had not yet been received on the outcome of the bid at the time of the meeting.

The Group noted the update.

7 DISABLED FACILITIES GRANT- OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PILOT

Kate Jackson reported that since the beginning of the pilot until the end of September 2017 (11 months), a total of 266 cases had passed through the new process. Of these; 101 (38%) cases progressed to the DFG waiting list for major adaptations and 165 (62%) cases did not require major adaptations and individuals' eligible needs had or would be met by other means.

The Group agreed that providing adaptations for disabled patients should only be considered once other options had been exhausted and through continued community focused work and pre-triage assessments; overall costs would hopefully be reduced.

It was noted that a decision had been taken to fund Occupational Therapist provision on an hours provided basis rather than funding a specific post.

The Group agreed:

To continue with the Disabled Facilities Grant provision on a per-hour basis and to notify the Occupational Therapist post holder of the changes to future arrangements.

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Group noted the date of the next meeting would be 29 January 2018, to be held at 10:30am in Conference Room 3B, Bickerstaffe House.

Chairman

(The meeting ended at 5.10 pm)

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