

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:	4 th March 2015

BETTER CARE FUND UPDATE

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To receive a verbal update on the Better Care Fund.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To note the update on the Better Care Fund.

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 update the Board 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 Government's 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 At the last meeting of the Board held on the 28th January 2015, it was reported that the Better Care Fund had received ministerial sign off as the outstanding areas had been addressed.
- 5.4 Additionally since the last meeting guidance has been published on How to Lead and Manage Better Care implementation, this document is attached at Appendix 4a.
- 5.5 A further update will be provided to the Board on any information on the Better Care Fund.
- 5.6 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.7 List of Appendices:

Appendix 4a: Better Care Fund Leadership Guidance

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 Better Care Fund Plan