

BETTER CARE FUND

1.0 Matter for consideration

- 1.1 To receive an update on progress of the Better Care Fund (formerly Integration Transformation Fund) locality plan, to be circulated separately.

2.0 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 To note the update.
- 2.2 To consider and comment on the locality plan for Blackpool and formally agree the proposals set out within it.
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3.0 Information

- 3.1 The £3.8bn Better Care Fund is described as “single pooled budget for health and social care services to work more closely together in local areas, based on a plan agreed between the NHS and local authorities”.
- 3.2 Whilst the Better Care Fund does not officially come into effect until 2015/2016, there is a requirement for local areas to have plans in place by February 2014. Nationally, there is an additional £200m transferring from the NHS to adult social care in 2014/2015, in addition to the £900m already planned, and in 2015/2016 the figure rises to a pooled budget of £3.8 billion.
- 3.3 The Strategic Commissioning Group established a cross-organisational implementation group to work up a locality plan for Blackpool. The plan sets out proposals on a five year strategy and two year operational plan which the Board is being asked to formally sign off. The template will then be submitted for ministerial sign off by 15th February 2014.

4.0 Financial considerations

- 4.1 None

5.0 Legal considerations

- 5.1 None
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Relevant officer:

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Appendices attached:

None

Background papers:

None

Websites and e-mail links for further information:

N/A

Glossary:

N/A