

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Health and Wellbeing Board</b>
<b>Relevant Officer:</b>	Jayne Bentley, Care Bill Implementation and Better Care Fund Project Lead)
<b>Relevant Cabinet Member:</b>	Councillor Graham Cain, Cabinet Secretary (Resilient Communities)
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	22 March 2018

## BLACKPOOL BETTER CARE FUND

### 1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To provide the Board with details of the Blackpool Better Care Fund 2017-19, and to confirm monitoring arrangements for the next period.

### 2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To note the contents of the report.

2.2 To agree to the arrangements for the monitoring of the implementation of the Better Care Fund, as outlined in paragraph 5.4.

### 3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 The Better Care Fund pooled budget is a statutory requirement under the amended NHS Act 2006.

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 Better Care Fund pooled budget is a statutory requirement under the amended NHS Act 2006.

#### **4.0 Council Priority:**

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is: “Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience”.

#### **5.0 Background Information**

5.1 There was a considerable delay in the publication of the Policy Framework and Planning Guidance for the Better Care Fund 2017-19, which meant that details of the submitted plan were not available to share with the Health and Wellbeing Board. It was agreed at the meeting on 19 April 2017 that Councillor Cain as Chairman would sign all necessary documentation on behalf of the Board.

5.2 Blackpool Council and Blackpool Clinical Commissioning Group were required to submit a narrative Better Care Plan (Appendix 3a) and a planning template (Appendix 3b) covering the two year planning cycle 2017-19, and which met the following requirements:

- Plans meet the following national conditions:
  - Plans to be jointly agreed;
  - Maintain provision of social care services;
  - Agreement to invest in NHS commissioned out-of-hospital services, which may include a wide range of services including social care;
  - Implementation of the High Impact Change Model for Managing Transfers of Care.
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- Targets set for the following performance metrics, which are reported quarterly to NHS England:
  - Non-elective admissions (Acute Specific previously General and Acute);
  - Delayed transfers of care from hospital per 100,000 population.
  - Long-term support needs of older people (aged 65 and over) met by admission to residential and nursing care homes, per 100,000 population.
  - Proportion of older people (65 and over) who were still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital into reablement/rehabilitation services.
- Details of how the additional funding announced in the 2017 Spring Budget (iBCF) is being invested to meet the following conditions:
  - It must be used to meet unmet social care needs;
  - It will focus on the unmet needs of the older adult population;
  - It should be used to help implement the high impact changes needed to reduce Delayed Transfers of Care.

5.3 The Blackpool Better Care Plan was submitted to NHS England on 11 September 2017, and following their assurance process was classified as 'Approved' on 27 October 2017 (Appendix 3c).

5.4 The Monitoring Group will be working with Commissioning Managers to develop a quality and activity monitoring framework. The following outcomes have been agreed as a starting point:

- Increased integration of health and social care services;
- Freeing up Accident and Emergency capacity;
- Put partners on more sustainable financial footing;
- Individuals maintaining independence in their own homes;
- Improved health and wellbeing of Blackpool residents.

5.5 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.6 **List of Appendices:**

Appendix 3a: Submitted Blackpool 2017/19 Better Care Fund Narrative Plan

Appendix 3b: Submitted Blackpool 2017/19 Better Care Fund Planning Template

Appendix 3c: Approval Letter Blackpool 2017/19

**6.0 Legal considerations:**

6.1 The legal framework for the Better Care Fund derives from the NHS Act 2006 (amended by the Care Act 2014), which requires that in each area the Better Care Fund is transferred into one or more pooled budgets, established under Section 75, and that plans are approved by NHS England in consultation with Department of Health (DH) and Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG). The Act also gives NHS England powers to attach additional conditions to the payment of the Better Care Fund to ensure that the policy framework is delivered through local plans.

**7.0 Human Resources considerations:**

7.1 None.

**8.0 Equalities considerations:**

8.1 None.

**9.0 Financial considerations:**

9.1 As outlined within the Background Information section.

**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:**

[2017-19 Integration and Better Care Fund Policy Framework](#)

[Integration and Better Care Fund planning requirements for 2017-19](#)

[High Impact Change Model](#)