

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Health and Wellbeing Board</b>
<b>Relevant Officer:</b>	Andy Roach, Blackpool Clinical Commissioning Group
<b>Relevant Cabinet Member</b>	Councillor Eddie Collett, Cabinet Member for Public Health
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> January 2015

## BETTER CARE FUND SUBMISSION

### 1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To provide assurance that the Better Care Fund Plan has been approved by NHS England following submission of the action plan.

### 2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To note the approval 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 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 take forward for ministerial sign off.

5.3 Following a ministerial review in April 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 December 2014, the final submission and supporting action plan was formally approved on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2014 (letter attached).

5.6 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

### 5.7 List of Appendices:

Appendix 8a: Approved Letter

Appendix 8b: Better Care Fund Executive Summary

**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