

Report to:	Health and Wellbeing Board
Relevant Officer:	Hilary Shaw, Head of Business Support and Resources (Children and Adults)
Relevant Cabinet Member	Councillor Cain, Cabinet Secretary (Resilient Communities)
Date of Meeting	21 st October 2015

SECTION 75 POOLED BUDGET AGREEMENT

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To inform the Board of the Section 75 Pooled Budget Agreement that has been developed by Blackpool Council and Blackpool Clinical Commissioning Group.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To ratify the Section 75 Pooled Budget Agreement as attached to this report, which has been approved by Blackpool Clinical Commissioning Group and by Blackpool Council.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 The Better Care Fund requires funding to be paid through the vehicle of a pooled budget and a legal agreement is therefore required between Blackpool Council and Blackpool Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) under Section 75 of the 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.

4.0 Council Priority:

- 4.1 The relevant Council Priority is 'improve health and well-being especially for the most

disadvantaged.’

5.0 Background Information

5.1 One of the requirements of the Better Care Fund is that the agreed funding is paid through the vehicle of a pooled budget. This is a type of partnership arrangement whereby NHS organisations and local authorities contribute an agreed level of resource into a single pot (the “pooled budget”) that is then used to commission or deliver health and social care services.

5.2 In August 2015, the Strategic Commissioning Group approved the Pooled Budget Agreement covering the Better Care Fund schemes, and incorporating the following aspects:

- Strategic Commissioning Group to be the decision-making body, with ratification as necessary by the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- Risk and rewards to remain with the lead commissioning organisation for each of the schemes within the Better Care Fund.
- CCG to bear the risk of the performance-related element of the funding.
- Blackpool Council to be the host organisation for the pooled budget.

The Agreement is attached at Appendix 10(a) to this report for noting by the Board.

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

5.3 List of Appendices:

Appendix 10(a) – Section 75 Pooled Budget Agreement between Blackpool Council and Blackpool Clinical Commissioning Group

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 The Agreement has been drawn up in accordance with Section 75 of the National Health Service Act 2006 relating to pooled budgets between local authorities and NHS bodies, and has been fully supported by the Council’s Legal Services Division.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 None.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 As part of their Better Care Fund plans, CCGs and local authorities had to indicate the level of funding that would initially be committed through the plan. NHS England has confirmed that CCG Better Care Fund monies will only be paid through the vehicle of a formal pooled budget. For Blackpool, approximately £13.6 million of the £15.2 million in the 2015/16 Better Care Fund will be received from NHS England.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 See section 9.1 for description of financial risks.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 The Pooled Budget Agreement has been drawn up in liaison with Blackpool Clinical Commissioning Group, and in consultation with the Strategic Commissioning Group, which includes representatives from both organisations as well as other stakeholders.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 None.