

Title of paper: Better Care Fund

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Purpose	To Agree	
	To Advise	
	To Note	

Development

This work has been led by the Executive Team and reported regularly to the Governing Body

Executive Summary and Key Issues

At its meeting on the 31st January 2014 the Governing Body delegated sign off on the Better Care fund to the Chair and Chief Officer.

The Better Care Fund will provide £3.8 billion nationally services to give elderly and vulnerable an improved health and social system. The guidance published on 20 December 2013 provided local areas with the detail they need to complete plans for how they will use their portion of the fund to join up health and care services around the needs of patients, so that people can stay at home more and be in hospital less.

The national conditions set out the things that each plan must consider, such as 7-day services and steps to improve data sharing; and £1 billion of the fund will be linked to improvements achieved in outcomes for local people to ensure the money is being spent in the right way. But there will also be as much flexibility as possible in the model of care local that areas develop to meet the needs of people in each area of England.

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In Surrey a county wide approach is being taken and the Better Care Fund is being signed off with Surrey County Council and the six Clinical Commissioning Groups. For Surrey Downs there is a £12m resource implication from core funding in 2014-15, with a further £4.5m of partnership funding giving a total commitment of £16.5m.

There will be a verbal update on the 13th March Health and Wellbeing Board meeting where this sign-off was taking place at the Governing Body meeting on the 21st March.

Recommendation(s):

The Governing Body is asked to note the ongoing progress in agreeing the Better Care Fund across the six Surrey CCGs and Surrey County Council.

Attachments: None

Implications for wider governance

Quality and patient safety

BCF developments are fully integrated into the CCG's quality work and any risks or issues are picked up through the Quality Committee.

Patient and Public Engagement

Through the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Equality Duty

Equality Impact will be assessed at individual project level rather than against BCF as a whole, however a national impact assessment on BCF as national policy has been carried out and can be found at the following location:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/275531/Better_Care_Fund.pdf

Finance and resources

The BCF does represent a financial challenge to the CCG as set out in the minutes of the January 2014 Governing Body meeting however there are also opportunities to achieve efficiencies with partners.

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Workforce

None specific at this stage although BCF proposals will lead to workforce design requirements.

Information Governance

None specific.

Conflicts of interest

None known.

Communications Plan

Communication on the BCF is continuous through each agencies communications teams.

Legal or compliance issues

The CCG is required to comply with the BCF as it is based on primary legislation

Risk and Assurance

This is on the CCG's risk register.

