

**Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development**

**Report to Scrutiny Board (Health and Wellbeing and Adult Social Care)**

**Date: 28 February 2014**

**Subject: Better Care Fund Proposals**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: 10.4.3	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**Summary of main issues**

1. At its previous meeting, the Scrutiny Board considered an update on the financial position and progress towards the requirements of the Better Care Fund in Leeds.
2. During the previous discussion, the Scrutiny Board raised a number of matters, including:
  - The draft proposals only including schemes aimed at adults/ older people. There appeared to be no proposed schemes that specifically included mental health services or services to the under 25s.
  - Concerns associated with the lead-in times for preventative services to generate the savings necessary in acute care
  - With 2014/15 identified as a 'shadow year', plans to consult on the draft proposals and undertake meaningful equality impact assessments.
  - Flexibilities associated with commissioning acute care through funding mechanisms other than 'tariff'.
  - The alignment between the Better Care Fund proposals and Leeds' Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
3. In order to meet the nationally prescribed timescales for submitting Better Care Fund (BCF) proposals, the Health and Wellbeing Board had been required to meet and sign-off the final first draft prior to submission by 14 February 2014. The report and associated papers considered by the Health and Wellbeing Board at its meeting on 12 February 2014 are appended to this report.
4. It should be noted that further work, including local refinement and comment from NHS England, will be undertaken prior to submission of the final BCF plan by 4 April 2014.

5. Consideration of the draft BCF plan by the Scrutiny Board at this time could be considered to form part of the local refinement ahead of submitting the final agreed BCF plan.
6. The BCF proposals will also be presented to and considered by the Council's Executive Board at its meeting on 5 March 2014. The Scrutiny Board may wish to provide comments to the Executive Board and/or the Health and Wellbeing Board as part of the process for agreeing a finalised BCF plan by 4 April 2014.

### **Recommendations**

7. The Scrutiny Board (Health and Wellbeing and Adult Social Care) is asked to:
  - a. Consider the information presented and discussed at the meeting; and,
  - b. Identify any specific comments the Board wishes to make as part of the process for agreeing a finalised Better Care Fund plan by 4 April 2014.

### **Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

8. None used.

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.