

Appendix 1

Background Information

Better Care Fund in Leeds – Introduction and Objectives

1. Introduction:

1.1 The £5.3bn Better Care Fund (formerly the Integration Transformation Fund) was announced by the Government in the June 2013 spending round, to ensure a transformation in integrated health and social care. It creates a local pooled budget to incentivise the NHS and local government to work more closely together around people, placing their well-being as the focus of health and care services.

1.2 It is important to note that this did not represent new money, and that the creation of the BCF requires over £2bn in savings to be made on existing spending on acute care in order to invest more in preventive and community services.

1.3 Funding was made available to local areas with agreed plans for how funding will be used to meet five “national conditions”:

1. Protection for social care services (not spending)
2. 7 day working in health and social care to support patients being discharged and prevent unnecessary admissions at weekends
3. Better data sharing between health and social care, based on the NHS number ensure a joint approach to assessments and care planning
4. Where there are integrated packages of care, an accountable lead professional be in place
5. Agreement on the consequential impact of changes on the acute sector.

1.4 There are also five national measures to demonstrate progress towards better integrated health and social care services:

1. Admissions to residential and care homes;
2. Effectiveness of reablement;
3. Delayed transfers of care;
4. Total emergency admissions replaces the original metric of avoidable emergency admissions; and
5. Patient / service user experience.

and one locally determined measure:

6. Rate of diagnosis for people with dementia

1.5 Leeds’ BCF plans were given final approval by NHS England on 31st December. As of 1st April the Leeds BCF schemes for 2015/16, with a total value of circa £55m, are live.

1.6 In order to manage the BCF locally, the total fund has been divided into schemes that represent existing and well-established commissioned services through recurrent funding, and schemes that provide further “invest to save” opportunities through use of non-recurrent funding.

1.7 Many of the BCF schemes will support delivery of programmes as part of the Health and Social Care Transformation Portfolio.

2. Objectives

2.1 The local objectives for the Better Care Fund in Leeds are outlined within the BCF Submission approved by NHS England in December 2014. An extract of the full submission is provided overleaf:

Leeds BCF Approved Submission - December 2014
Extract, pages 17-18

Objectives

The specific schemes within the Better Care Fund are framed by three key objectives to achieve the aim of a high quality and sustainable system. These themes also articulate delivery of a number of the outcomes of the Leeds Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, in particular the commitment to “increase the number of people supported to live safely in their own homes”, will support delivery of the broad Transformation Programme and specifically align to the Effective admission and discharge work programme.

Our BCF objectives are:

- Reducing the need for people to go into hospital or residential care
- Helping people to leave hospital quickly
- Supporting people to stay out of hospital or residential care.

Table showing which of the schemes best contribute to the Leeds BCF objectives [See annex 1 of the approved 2014 BCF Submission for detailed descriptions of each scheme and what changes they intend to deliver]:

Scheme Number	Name of scheme	Leeds BCF objectives		
		Reducing the need for people to go into hospital or residential care	Helping people to leave hospital quickly	Supporting people to stay out of hospital or residential care
1	Reablement services	X		X
2	Community beds		X	
3	Supporting Carers	X		X
4	Leeds Equipment Service	X		X
5	3rd sector prevention	X	X	X
6	Admission avoidance			X
7	Community matrons	X	X	X
8	Social care to benefit health	X	X	X

9	Disabilities facilities grants	X	X	
10	Social care capital grant - Care Act	Enabling		
11	Enhancing primary care	X		
12	Eldercare Facilitator	X		X
13	Medication prompting - Dementia	X		
14	Falls	X		
15	Expand community Intermediate Care beds		X	
16	Enhancing Integrated Neighbourhood Teams	X	X	X
17	Urgent Care Services	X		
18	IM&T	Enabling		
19	Care Act	X	X	X
20	Improved system intelligence	Enabling		
21	Workforce planning & development	Enabling		
22	Contingency Fund	-		