
DUDLEY HEALTH AND WELL-BEING BOARD

26th March 2014

Joint Report of the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services, the Chief Accountable Officer of the Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group and the Director of Finance, NHS Local Area Team for Birmingham, Solihull and the Black Country

BETTER CARE FUND

Purpose of Report

1. For the Dudley Health and Well-Being Board to receive a further up-date on Dudley's Better Care Fund proposals and to confirm direction and next-steps

Background

2. On 28th January 2014, the Board received a presentation by Andrea Pope-Smith, the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services and Paul Maubach, Chief Accountable Officer of Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group, on Dudley's work to develop its approach to the Better Care Fund
3. The main areas of the presentation covered:
 - the proposed model building on CCG work to develop locality working as it links to council work in developing preventative services for adults as well as building on the children services township model;
 - performance measures – aimed at the current purpose of the fund to improve performance in relation to avoidable hospital admissions
 - the overall funding levels where it was noted that the only new monies were £1.57 million additional funding from NHS England referred to as "Section 256" which is the relevant legal mechanism for this funding.
 - It was also noted that the transfer of funding from the CCG will need to support a 15% reduction in emergency admissions and would involve the need to deliver efficiencies from within the fund of £4 million. The net total fund was indicated to be £23.84 million.
 - Dudley's overall approach including a shared understanding and practical arrangements for risk-sharing
4. In Dudley, partners have continued to work closely since the last meeting of the Board to sharpen the focus of the bid and extend preparation for what is acknowledged to be a very challenging aim of reducing emergency admissions by 15%.
5. This work has been done alongside an assurance-process across the NHS England Local Area Team, as part of their planning process..

6. Feedback from this process has given the initial submission an “amber” rating. Further work is taking place to strengthen the submission in time for the next submission on 4th April 2014.
7. Through this Report the Board are requested to confirm the direction and next steps.
8. Through strategic plans and activities of partners, the Board is aware that its overall purpose is to lead the integration of health and care services which help improve the quality of life and wellbeing for Dudley people across the course of their lives. On-going activity including the review of urgent care arrangements in Dudley; the review of stroke services in Birmingham, Solihull and the Black Country; the promotion of personalisation in adult social care; work to improve the life-chances of children and young people as well as wider public health measures will all contribute to achieving the policy aims of the Better Care Fund.

Finance

9. Any financial implications arising from the content of this Report will be met from within existing budgets between the agencies.
10. Those resources are as stated in para. 3 above.

Law

9. The background to the development of Health and Well Being Boards and the production of Joint Health and Well-Being Strategies lies in the guidance issued to date leading up to the enactment of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and associated regulations.
10. The legal basis upon which resources will be pooled between the NHS and local government is contained in the provisions of Section 75 of the NHS Act 2006.

Equality Impact

11. The aims of the Better Care Fund are consistent with principles of health and social care to improve the health of people living in Dudley and the quality of health services which they experience.
12. The Board has recognised the need for a more coherent approach to engagement to support this and approved the development of a new direction at its meeting of January 2014.

Recommendation

11. That the Dudley Health and Well-Being Board: -

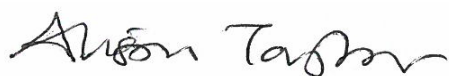
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